

17th December 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

END OF TERM

As we approach the end of another busy year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support you have given both to your child and to the school.

It is wonderful to reflect back from the beginning of the year 2024, when we had OFSTED Inspectors visiting us in March 2024 and judging us “Better than Good at all levels”. Inspectors felt strongly, we were an Outstanding School and promised to be back within twelve months of that visit. I can report that, upon self-reflection and self-review, I wrote to the Trust and Ofsted to postpone the next inspection until further notice. This was to allow the school build capacity of leadership after losing two valuable members of the senior leadership team. Having successfully replaced them, BBA is now on an upward trajectory and this view is supported by external advisors.

Since September 2024, BBA have seen improvements in many aspects of the school, including an increase in both pupils and staff attendance, a reduction in behaviour incidents and an increase in progress outcomes across the curriculum.

BBA have also undertaken numerous trips to enhance and support the academic and wellbeing of our pupils. These include a visit to Winter Wonderland at Hyde Park, Go Karting, Jimmy’s Restaurant at O2, Combat Laser Games, JNL Chatham, and numerous Motor Bike trips. I would like to thank all parents whose children have been rewarded with these trips for good behaviour and attendance, there will be more opportunities and trips next year for everyone else to take advantage of.

I write to thank parents for their support in ensuring pupils are turning up to school in full uniforms and on time. Your support in getting our pupils ready for school each day is appreciated.

I would also like to take this opportunity to apologise to all parents at BBA Orpington site for not being allowed to see the Christmas show performed by our pupils. This was due to a safeguarding concern that arose at the very last minute and the leadership team had made



the decision in the interest of all our pupils. Hopefully, we will give every parent the chance to visit the school to see the next show.

At times like these, I must report that we are losing two members of staff who have decided to move on to other careers. They are Mr Alex Miller, PE teacher who worked at both Orpington & Bromley sites, is leaving to join another school and Mrs Louise Gray, our Community Learning teacher, is joining the MET Police.

Can I once again take this opportunity to thank you all for your continual support of the staff at the school and most importantly, your child's education over the past term. I look forward to see all our pupils back on Monday 6th January 2025 when the school reopens at normal time.

Have a very Merry Christmas.

Yours sincerely

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