

15th July 2019

Dear Parent / Carer,

Firstly, I would like to congratulate year 7 on completing their first year at KAA.

I am writing to inform you that as of September I will no longer be your child's Director of Learning and am incredibly pleased to announce that Miss Bryant will be taking up this role; I addressed the year group last week and informed them of this.

As your child moves into year 8, I will be remaining in the role of Director of Learning for year 7, supporting the transition process for our new cohort of students in the same capacity that I have worked with your child this academic year.

When announcing this to the students, I emphasised that our expectations and the level of support they receive does not change, regardless of a change in their Director of Learning; we are committed to providing outstanding pastoral care to all students.

Miss Bryant and I have worked closely during this term to ensure a smooth handover and will continue doing so in the autumn term. In the event of needing to speak with your child's Director of Learning next year, please note that Miss Bryant's email address is m.bryant@kaa.org.uk.

I will continue to be a supportive presence in the academy for your child and students will also continue to be supported by our extended pastoral team including members of staff such as Mr Cyrus (Senior Behaviour Manager) and Mr Byrne (Behaviour Manager).

I would like to take this opportunity to express how much I have enjoyed being your child's Director of Learning this year. I have been astounded by the achievements of some of our students and have felt such pride at times. I really encourage dedicating some time during the summer holiday to reflect upon this past academic year. In order for this to be impactful, students must be open and honest about how year 7 has been for them and should certainly acknowledge their successes but also identify key areas for improvement.

I am very excited about what the future holds for these inspiring young people and wish them every success for year 8.

I thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and hope that you all have a wonderful summer holiday.

If you have any questions regarding any details included in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Miss A. Gurnell
Director of Learning Year 7