

Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of another academic year, I wanted to take the opportunity, on behalf of the Governing Body, to thank our students, staff, and parents for everything that has been achieved over the past year.

Earlier this year, I was appointed as Chair and Patricia Bryn-Jones as Vice Chair having worked as governors over the last few years, a decision we were honoured with. Since taking on the role, I have been fortunate to see first-hand the dedication, commitment and care shown by everyone connected with Retford Oaks Academy. It is clear there is a genuine desire from staff and governors alike to ensure every student is supported to achieve their very best.

This year has been full of opportunities and memorable experiences for our young people with several trips made alongside an impressive programme of educational visits including Iceland, London, and our ski trip to Austria. The recent Awards evening was a further special event, celebrating the achievements and successes of children across the Academy. Students have been encouraged to learn beyond the classroom, developing confidence, resilience, and independence.

We have also been delighted to welcome so many Year 5 & Year 6 pupils into the Academy throughout the year as part of our transition programme. Helping students feel confident and excited about joining Retford Oaks is incredibly important, and it has been wonderful to see them build relationships with staff and experience life at the Academy before September.

Behind the scenes, your Governing Body continues to work closely with the principal and senior leadership team, providing both support and constructive challenge to ensure the Academy continues to improve. Our focus remains on ensuring that every decision made is in the best interests of students and helps create an environment where they can thrive academically, socially, and personally.

I would also like to thank our dedicated teaching and support staff, whose professionalism, commitment, and care make such a difference every single day. Their passion for helping our young people succeed is at the heart of everything Retford Oaks stands for.

Finally, thank-you to our parents for your continued support of the Academy. Strong partnerships between home and school are fundamental to the success of our young people.

As we look ahead to the new academic year, the Governing body remains ambitious for Retford Oaks Academy. We are committed to supporting the school's continued improvement whilst ensuring that every student has access to high-quality teaching, enriching opportunities, and the support they need to succeed.

On behalf of the Governors, I wish all our students, families, and staff a safe, enjoyable, and well-deserved summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year.

With warmest wishes,

David Cartwright

Chair of Governors

*On behalf of the Local Academy Committee*

Retford Oaks Academy