



18<sup>th</sup> December 2024

## Hannah Ball Academy

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

As we approach the end of the autumn term, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the progress our pupils have made across all areas of learning and to share some highlights from this term.

This term, we have witnessed remarkable progress in our pupils' learning. Our engaging lessons in subjects such as Physical Education, Music, and Art have not only enhanced their knowledge but also fostered creativity and teamwork. It has been wonderful to see our pupils actively participating and displaying a genuine love for learning.

Our pupils have consistently demonstrated exemplary learning behaviour, embodying our school values of honesty, kindness, respect, responsibility, resilience, and curiosity. These values are at the heart of our community, and it is inspiring to witness how our pupils support one another and contribute positively to the school environment.

We have enjoyed a productive partnership with our Governing Body, who conducted four visits this term. Their insights and support have been invaluable in helping us maintain high standards and pursue continuous improvement.

We welcomed several monitoring visits from the Park Federation, along with a positive Teaching and Learning review. This review highlighted our strengths in fully embedding phonics teaching, as well as our commendable performance in mathematics and science. This feedback is a testament to the hard work of our dedicated staff and the enthusiasm of our pupils.

### **Enrichment Activities**

Our enrichment programme has been vibrant this term, featuring exciting visits and competitions that have enriched our pupils' learning experiences. Highlights include visits to the local church and Windsor Castle, participation in a basketball competition at Western House Academy, and a thrilling Spelling Bee competition at Godolphin Academy. These experiences not only enhance our curriculum but also help our pupils develop important life skills.

We are pleased to inform you that we will be offering new clubs in the spring term, including Art Club, Homework Club, Year 6 Tuition Clubs, Croquet Club, and Public Speaking. These will complement our existing offerings of Sporting and Music clubs and will provide further opportunities for our pupils.

### **Parental Engagement**

We are grateful for the tremendous support from our parents and carers this term. Our "Meet the Teacher" meetings, parents' evenings, maths workshops, and the KS1 Nativity performance were all well-attended and contributed to building a strong school community. Your involvement is crucial to our pupils' success, and we appreciate your continued engagement.

### **Staffing Update**

As we know, it is not uncommon for teachers to transition to new opportunities as they arise and as our school's priorities evolve. These changes are a natural part of the educational landscape.

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Miss Birdi and Mrs. Walsh for their dedication and service to our school community. Both teachers will be leaving Hannah Ball at the end of this term. Their contributions have positively impacted our pupils and the school environment, and we wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

Additionally, our caretaker, Mr. Jorge, has relocated back to Portugal. We appreciate his hard work and commitment to maintaining our school and wish him well as he embarks on this new chapter.

We are also excited to welcome Ms. Odiri to our teaching team. We believe she will bring valuable skills and enthusiasm to our school, and we look forward to the positive impact she will have on our pupils.

### **The New Year**

As we look forward to the New Year, I want to thank you for your support and collaboration. Together, we are creating an environment where our pupils can thrive and achieve their full potential. Together, we Inspire, Aspire, and Achieve.

Wishing you and your families a joyful and restful holiday season. To our families celebrating, may your hearts be filled with faith, hope and love. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Yours sincerely,

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