



THE THOMAS LORD AUDLEY SCHOOL

Part of The Sigma Trust

Headteacher: Helena Boast BA MEd

Parents/Carers of Thomas Lord Audley School Students

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Dear Parents/Carers

I have worked at TLA for just over 12 years - nearly 8 years as headteacher. This has been the best job I have ever had even though at times it has been very challenging. I believe passionately in the power of education and I believe we have worked together to improve the quality of education at the school and thereby benefit all our young people. TLA has always had a strong heart and I have benefited from being part of it both in terms of my own learning and also in my relationships with others.

As we all know this year has been difficult and we have all had to adapt and I am very pleased with how we have managed to do that. I am very much hoping that at some point soon students will all be able to take part in the full range of activities that the school has to offer including drama and music clubs, sports teams and competitions, charity events, concerts and a whole range of practical activities. The current year 7s have not yet experienced many of these activities and older students may be feeling a sense of loss.

Leaving is such a wrench because being headteacher of this school has been such a big part of my life and it has mattered so much to me. I am absolutely delighted that Mr Essex has been appointed headteacher from January and I am certain that he will make an excellent job of leading the school on the next stage of its journey. I wish him and the staff, the students and the wider school community the very best for the future.

Thank you for all the support you have given me and for accepting me as the headteacher of the school.

Yours sincerely

Helena Boast
Headteacher