



Dear Parents,

It has been a busy few weeks since I last wrote to you and as always a very exciting time with lots of things going on as we enter into Advent.

In my last letter I informed you that we had complained to the Department for Education about the fact that they had not included us in the Performance (league) Tables when they were published provisionally in October ahead of the full publication in January 2019. Without going in to too much detail and specifics around the conversations since that time, I am very pleased to inform you that our appeals around this have been successful and we will now be included in the tables. This is great news and it means that our overall progress (Progress 8) and attainment in English and Maths (Grade 5 and above) will show us as the highest achieving school in the city. This is a fantastic achievement from students last year and the staff who have, and continue to, support students in their studies.

In addition to this, our efforts have not gone unnoticed elsewhere and the academy was very privileged to welcome Amanda Spielman and a television crew to the school last Monday. This was a real honour for the school to be selected by Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools who singled us out as a school "that is doing really well". We were the only school in England to be selected for this and the visit from her and the BBC will form part of the coverage that accompanies the announcements for Ofsted's Annual Report which is on air on Tuesday 4th December '18. Coverage is on BBC Breakfast from 6am and then further footage will be aired on the News at 6pm and at 10pm. The visit was also covered by the Nottingham Post and featured in their paper last week should you want to read more about it online.

Can I again thank parents for their ongoing support of the school. The visitors above and others we welcome each week continue to comment positively about what they see here. The children are always our best advocates for what is possible and I know that the partnerships from home are crucial to making that work. There is always too much to detail in one letter and can I therefore remind you again of the school's Twitter handle: @Blue_Wollaton where you will see weekly announcements and content to stay up to date.

The term is of course not over yet and we have a number of events still taking place in the next few weeks. Our students will take part in a **Drama production of a collection of tales from The Brothers Grimm on Thursday 13th and Friday 14th December** here at Wollaton. And there is also **Year 11 Parents' Evening on Monday 17th December**.

I also hope to see lots of you in person at the forthcoming **Carol Concert at St Mary's Church on Thursday 20th December at 7pm**. This is the first time that the school will hold its own carol service and I do hope that you can be there to mark and support what will undoubtedly be a wonderful occasion.



The final day of school is **Friday 21st December '18** when **we will finish at 12.05pm**, this is also a non-uniform day for students and a great chance for Christmas jumpers. Students should **return to school on Monday 7th January'19** in full school uniform please.

Thank you for your continued support so far this academic year and I wish you all a very peaceful and happy Christmas and New Year.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Anderson'.

Mr Anderson,

Principal