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17th July 2015.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to you at the end of another very successful year for Chorlton High School to welcome you to our school community in readiness for September. There have been some developments through the last term that I would like to make you aware of.

Key developments from September 2015:

As parents will be aware we have been working, over the past year, towards changing the status of our Academy Trust. At the end of March 2015 Chorlton High School became a **Cooperative Multi-Academy Trust**. This means that other schools can join our Co-operative Trust if they share our drive and ethos; it also allows Chorlton High School to be a sponsor school for other schools that may need our support.

As you will already be aware, since September 2014 we have been working alongside Newall Green High School supporting them with their development and improvement work. On 1st April 2015 Newall Green High School became an Academy with Chorlton High School as a sponsor. That means they are now formally part of our Academy Trust. As a result of this the Trustees and Directors of Chorlton High School are responsible for the operation and outcomes of Newall Green High School.

In terms of our governance structure we have established a Trust Board to oversee the operations of the Trust. The Trust has established a Local Governing Body at each of the schools and these Governing Bodies will operate under the principles of our Cooperative Trust with stakeholder representation from students, parents, staff and the local community.

Since September a number of our staff members have worked alongside staff at Newall Green. The benefits of partnership working can already be seen with new developments at both Newall Green and Chorlton High School. It is clear that our commitment to working in partnership with other schools is already beginning to strengthen our own school and create new and exciting possibilities for our staff and students.

Throughout this year there have been operational changes to the Leadership Team of Chorlton High School to accommodate this. The Trust Board have now appointed Mr Park formally as Executive Headteacher to oversee the development of the new Multi Academy Trust. Mr Park will continue to work between both Newall Green High School and Chorlton High School as he has done over the past twelve months. Ms Morris has been appointed as Headteacher of Chorlton High School and has day to day responsibility for the leadership of the school.

Over the past year we have been working hard to keep our school website up to date. This now contains much of the information that used to be contained in our annual 'Parents' Handbook' and, hopefully, **the website will be your primary source of information about the school**. More detailed information about the curriculum, homework and Independent Assessments can be found on our FROG VLE site. Access details for this are available on the website.

Prior to Induction Day you will have received a number of important pieces of documentation including:

Student Data Collection Sheet: which requires **at least 3 named emergency contacts** with appropriate contact details. Please ensure that you keep us informed of any change in contact details throughout the year.

Please can we ask parents to supply us with a current email address so that we can send our communications to you electronically. This academic year we have spent almost £35,000 on postage costs alone and do feel that we can make better use of this budget. As of September 2015 we will significantly reduce the information that we post home to parents. If you supply a current email address we will send you information electronically, otherwise we will provide paper copies of the information to your son / daughter personally to bring home to you.

Parental Consent Booklet and Form:

The consent booklet is also available on the school website and is broken into different sections. This contains all the information we need to provide you with regarding certain aspects of the school's operation.

Please read the booklet carefully and complete the form to indicate the consents you grant to the school. You can amend your consent at any time by contacting the school. We will remind you annually of the consents you have given us and ask you to update these if you so wish. If you wish to receive another printed copy of the consent booklet then please contact the school.

The above items are really important to us. If you have not already returned these forms please could you do so ready for **the start of the new term**. In addition to this, if there are any changes to contact details please could you update these with the school throughout the year.

Enclosed with this letter are a number of additional items of information::

- 1.) A letter from the **School Council:** Following on from the school's recent Happy and Healthy Week the school council have proposed that we no longer allow students to bring in drinks that are high in sugar or caffeine, such as high energy drinks. We have supported this and will continue to work with our students to promote healthy lifestyle choices throughout next year.
- 2.) A letter from the **Attendance Team** reminding parents of the importance of students attending school every day and containing information regarding the changes in Persistent Absence classification for September.
- 3.) A letter reminding parents about the **uniform requirements** and information about the **new rewards scheme** which students will be introduced to in September.

Our main focus this year at Chorlton High School has been to continue to develop our strategies across the school, which will help us to move to 'Outstanding'. We have had a significant focus on developing the quality of Teaching and Learning and are now working hard to develop the Independent Learning Skills of all students across the school as well as addressing the issues of Student Work Ethic and Personal Responsibility. To date,

the progress we have made has been very pleasing and we will continue to work on these key developments over the next academic year.

We are very proud to offer a high quality educational experience to all of our students and the vast majority of students enjoy coming to school and engage in learning in a highly positive way. We are really proud that our successes this year have been recognised again by the Department for Education (DfE) and the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust (SSAT) who have awarded the school an Educational Outcomes Award 2015 for exceptional attainment. The award recognises the school's achievement of being in the top 20% of non-selective schools nationally for attainment in the 2014 end of KS4 examinations. This formal recognition of the school's commitment to raising educational standards for all students is wonderful to receive during such a successful year for the school.

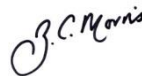
Please can I remind all parents that **school will start for all students on Thursday 3rd September 2015**. New Year 7 students should arrive at school for an 8.30am start. Students in Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 should arrive at school for a 9.30am start.

We wish all students and parents a safe and relaxing summer holiday and look forward to the next academic year when we looking forward to working with you to ensure that our students achieve even greater success.

Yours sincerely,



Mr A. Park
Executive Headteacher



Ms Z. Morris
Headteacher