

Thursday 27th July 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Promotion

We are delighted to tell you that Mrs Jaques has been promoted to be a member of our Senior Leadership Team. Mrs Jaques will have specific responsibility for our school to school support work. She will also take responsibility for our ICT curriculum.

Our Leadership Team in September will be:

Mrs Vickerman – Executive Principal. Mrs Vickerman will, as this year, be at Gawthorpe 25% of the working week and work for Inspire Partnership Multi-Academy Trust as CEO for 75% of the week.

Mrs Mitchell – Head of School. Curriculum responsibility maths.

Mrs Clark – Deputy Head of School. Special Educational Needs Manager. Curriculum responsibility literacy.

Miss Sidebottom – Responsible for PE across Gawthorpe, developing PE across the Ossett community and the Multi-Academy Trust.

Mrs Jaques – School to school support work and, in addition, responsible for ICT curriculum at Gawthorpe.

Although Mrs Gill will no longer be Vice Principal, she will continue to be the Early Years Leader and in this role will attend leadership meetings when early years is discussed.

Bringing new staff onto our Leadership Team is part of our succession planning, ensuring that we maintain our outstanding provision for all our children.

Name Change

Miss Julienne will be getting married during the summer holidays and when we return to school her married name will be Mrs Beaumont. We hope she has a wonderful day and wish her all the best.

Social Media

As most of you are aware we have our own twitter page and you can follow us at

<https://twitter.com/GCAGawthorpe> for updates on what is happening around school and to see photographs of school events. We have specific permission from parents to be able to do this and we are aware of who can appear on these photographs.

With this in mind, can we please remind parents that we ask you not to put photographs you have taken at school events on Facebook and other social media pages. There are parents who prefer their children not to be on these sites and you may have, unknowingly, caught these children in the background of your photographs. Thank you for your cooperation.

Inspire Partnership Multi-Academy Trust

We now have six schools within our Trust.

- Gawthorpe Community Academy
- Towngate Primary Academy
- Half Acres Primary Academy in Castleford
- Ackton Pastures Academy in Castleford
- Girnhill Infant School in Featherstone
- Fitzwilliam Primary School

A seventh school, South Hiendley Primary School has an application with the Academies Regional School Commissioner to join our trust next term.

As a group of schools, staff in these schools have worked closely together and excellent opportunities have been provided for staff development.

In turn this has had a positive impact on all our schools.

In the overwhelming majority of our schools standards have risen. The standards at Gawthorpe are excellent this year, some of the best we have ever had. We know therefore that being a founder academy of the trust has had a positive impact for ourselves.

As we expand our central team, we receive additional support for financial management, building management, HR etc which frees us as school leaders to concentrate on our core business of ensuring high quality teaching and learning.

We have wider plans to develop the Trust for children next academic year. One of the aims for us is to promote additional competition in our schools by holding a Trust wide mini Olympics in summer 2018.

We would like to wish all the Nursery children that are moving up to school good luck and all the best in their new schools.

Thank you very much for all your support during this academic year, staff join me in wishing you a lovely summer holiday.

Children return to school on Tuesday 5th September.

Regards,

The Leadership Team



Mrs S J Vickerman
Executive Principal



Mrs P M Gill
Executive Vice Principal



Mrs A M Mitchell
Head of School