

8 July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Further to the letter which you will have received from the CEO of The Bridge Academy Trust today, we (Mark Barrow and Claire Hooks (Chair of Governors) are delighted to confirm that with immediate effect Mark will be undertaking the role of headteacher for Notley High School and Braintree Sixth Form. As a team we are very much looking forward to working with all our students, parents / carers, colleagues and the wider Local Governing Committee to drive the school forward. Mark would like to say that he is extremely grateful for the very warm welcome that he has already received and for the support he has been given from the Local Governing Committee since he has been at the school. Mark's Executive Leadership support since Easter has included the development of a teacher recruitment strategy and we are now fully staffed for September.

We know that a successful and happy school depends on all of us working together. As parents and carers, you make a valuable and important contribution to your children's education and achievements, and we are committed to building on the relationship between you and our school.

As part of this, we (Local Governing Committee and Headteacher) will be holding some drop-in sessions before the end of term for you to come in and chat with us. There is no need to book in advance and we very much look forward to meeting as many of you as possible. These drop-ins will take place at different times in the hope that as many families as possible will have the opportunity to attend. These are:

- Wednesday 10th July: 2.30-3.30pm.
- Friday 12th July: 8-9am.
- Wednesday 17th July: 4-5pm.

You are also welcome to contact us via: pa@notleyhigh.com if you cannot make these, to share any feedback you might have and / or to organise a 1:1 meeting.

Our immediate priorities are to:

1. Improve aspects of student behaviour, uniform and engagement in lessons;
2. Ensure consistency of staffing across all subject areas;
3. Enhance extra-curricular and enrichment opportunities for all students.

Thank you for your continued support and we will write to you again at the end of the term, with more details about the plans for September.

Yours Sincerely,



Dr Claire Hooks (Chair of Governors)



Mr Mark Barrow (Headteacher)