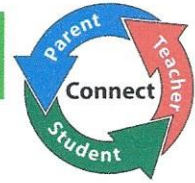


# Cavendish Connect



The Cavendish High Academy Newsletter / Autumn 2022

## Dear Parents & Carers,

A very warm, though somewhat belated, welcome to all of you as we welcome your children back to Cavendish for the new school year. It has been lovely to see the school full of students again and our staff teams are working hard to ensure everyone settles into their classes and new routines and timetables.

It has been a very different start to the school year with the news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II and as per DfE guidance we will, along with all other schools, be closed on Monday 19th September.

### Staffing:

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of some staff changes that have taken place over the summer: We have said goodbye and good luck to one of our teachers, Claire Boyd, who has moved to teach at a school nearer to her home. Next week we will also be saying thank you and goodbye to one of our support assistants, Jane Palin, and wish her all the very best in her new job.

We are also welcoming new staff members; two new teachers, Niamh Ryan & Katie Hughes, have joined us along with our new premises officer, Chris Clunie. We'd also like to offer congratulations to Stacy Craig, Laura Greenwood, Helen Huxley and Rachael Willis on their permanent contracts as teaching assistants. Welcome to the staff team to one and all.

Another staffing change you need to be aware of is Donna Tofts who has now left her teaching role at Cavendish but, we are delighted that, she will be remaining as a very valued team member in a new role as our Student Support and Family Liaison Manager.

I am sure you will all be very happy to join me in congratulating Paula Burke and Clair Ball who have been successful in their application and interviews for the permanent positions of assistant principals.

### Parents & carers

Donna Tofts will be contacting you soon to tell you more about her new role and how we envisage her being able to offer support and guidance for your children and yourselves in a range of areas; including with the variety of agencies we work alongside. She will also be asking for your views to help us to develop our services to support you and your children.

We will be holding a lower school parents & carers evening later in the term and will let you know the date and time as soon as we have it set. We also need to inform you that we have a joint Merseyside SLD schools INSET day planned for **Friday 19th November 2022**. School will be closed to all students.

### And finally.....

It has been a very different start to the school year with the news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II. The news and subsequent tv coverage of events has led to an unexpected emotional impact for many of us. It has made many of us reflect on our own family losses and our heartfelt condolences go to those of you who are grieving yours. As a mark of respect, we will be closed for the state funeral of the late Queen on Monday 19th September.

Take care,

Elaine & the whole Cavendish team