

20th September 2022

Dear parents/ guardians,

Message from Sir Simon Hughes to the Bacon's College family.

Monday 19th September is the end of one of the most memorable eras in British history. We owe our late Queen huge gratitude for her extraordinary life of duty, service and Christian witness, and all must now wish King Charles every blessing as our new sovereign.

Locally, next week will see one more local Bacon's change too. After four and a half years as a Bacon's College governor and four years as chair of governors, on Tuesday I step down and hand over to my successor. Our new chair Ms Nicky Myers, is, like me, also a long-time Bermondsey resident, has been a governor since Bacon's joined United Learning in March 2018 and Deputy Chair in recent months. We believe that Nicky will be the first ever female chair of governors in Bacon's history. On behalf of all our governors and the school I congratulate Ms Myers on her appointment and send all best wishes for the months ahead.

It has been a privilege to have been formally linked with Bacon's, a very historic Bermondsey school, for many years as governor and trustee, and especially to be the first Chair of Governors after we became a UL school too. Trustees made the right decision to join United Learning and to appoint Mr Wilson as our Principal. Since then our College has gone from strength to strength, in spite of a very difficult lockdown. Our last inspection as a Christian school found we are excellent, our exam results at GCSE, BTEC and A level keep on improving, this summer's Ofsted report confirms that we are a good school in every respect, and we now have record numbers across the school and in the sixth form. I am very happy to have played some part - with my fellow governors - on this journey of great progress.

So keep it up Bacon's. Keep aiming higher. Aim for the best teaching, learning, behaviour and success in study, the arts and sport. Bermondsey and Rotherhithe and you and your families will be even more proud of you. You will then have the best chances for fulfilment and achievement in your lives ahead.

Thank you, and every best wish and blessing,

Simon Hughes
Chair,
Bacon's College Local Governing Body



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