



Friday 27th June 2014

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are nearing the end of another successful year at RCCS, and I would like to thank you for the support you have shown the school. We have yet again achieved the targets we set ourselves for KS3 performance, with an impressive rise in pupil attainment for the fourth consecutive year, a credit to all our Y9 pupils and their teachers. We have achieved our attendance target of 93%, a slight increase on what was already an impressive figure in 2013. We will have to wait and see how our Y11 have got on in their GCSEs, but we are hopeful that 2014 will see individuals meet their targets, which would in turn lead to another good overall performance.

The school really is looking good at the moment. We have nearly completed the current phase of our refurbishment programme and the new boys' toilets will be in use from September. This building work was linked to the Flying Start project, and this will be operational by the time we return for the autumn term. This facility has its own car park and reception area, but it will mean more people and of course some very young children on our site, so can I remind everyone to follow the correct parking and drop-off procedures, and please remember we have a 5mph speed limit at all times.

We have been working closely with Flying Start and the Leisure Centre recently and we will be re-launching our site as the "Risca Community Campus." This will be reflected in new signage, and we are planning an event for October. Our school values its links with the community very highly, and the new name for the site helps show how we work closely in partnerships. The name of the school remains unchanged.

Term ends at 1.30pm on Friday July 18th. Next term begins for Y8-11 on Tuesday 2nd September. There will be three closure days for staff training: on Friday October 24th just before half term; and the final two days of the term, 18th and 19th December, meaning term will end for pupils on 17th December. We chose these days in the hope this will minimise disruption to families. Please note that the school will be **open** during the NATO conference, which is the first week of September, as we do not envisage this causing logistical problem for many of our pupils or staff. Please see our "year at a glance" calendar on the website for full details of the school year.

For more information on events as the term draws to a close please do check our social media feeds on Facebook and Twitter as well as the blog which is published every Friday- you can access it via the school website.

On behalf of all of us here at the school I would like to wish you and your family a great summer holiday.

Yours sincerely,

John Kendall