



## Governor News, Autumn Term 2021/22

As we settle onto the new term, on behalf of the governors, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all staff and students as they return to the Academy, and especially to our new Year 7 students and their families. I hope that you all had a good summer and were able to recharge your batteries as well as enjoying time together.

Firstly, congratulations to all our students on their GCSE and A-level achievements during what has been another difficult year. All of you have shown sheer determination and resilience to complete your studies and we are all very proud of what you have achieved. Well done!

As we start to emerge out of the Covid-19 crisis, we face continuing challenges, including waiting for details to emerge from DfE and Ofqual on what the summer examinations might look like in 2022 and how much teacher assessment might play a part. Teachers have the challenge of constantly revising their learning plans and teaching objectives to ensure they remain relevant to the requirements of the exam boards and provide sufficient challenge and relevance to children. It will take many months before we get education back to anything like normality and during this time both children and staff continue to adapt and shape their response to deliver the best they can in the ever-changing environment we all face. Thank you to all of you for playing your part in continuing to make the Academy a successful learning environment.

The Academy Committee would like to welcome our newest member, Mr Gareth Roberts, who joined us at the start of the spring term. Gareth lives in the local area and has been a Justice of the Peace, sitting in both Leicester and Loughborough Courts, since 2015. Gareth is keen to make a positive contribution to the safeguarding and wellbeing of the students of East Leake Academy. Welcome Gareth.

Our Vice Chair of Governors, Mr Richard Osborn, is continuing in his role as link governor for Parental and Student Engagement throughout 2021/22. Whilst not a statutory role, it was felt that a greater emphasis on engaging with our parents and carers would not only help to keep them involved with the academy's direction but also allow us to connect more closely with the wider community. The role takes the form of occasional meetings with small focus groups of parents to get an understanding for their stance on various decisions taking place within the academy. This is then fed back to the whole governing board at our regular Academy Committee meetings.

Finally, throughout the coming academic year the Academy Committee will continue to support and challenge the academy's senior leadership team whilst carrying out our core functions as governors. The Academy Improvement Plan sets out the academy objectives each year and as governors we are able to monitor the progress and actions of these objectives and challenge the senior leadership team accordingly. If you wish to make contact with the governors, please email our main office address of [elagovernors@eastleake-ac.org.uk](mailto:elagovernors@eastleake-ac.org.uk)

Best wishes to you all.

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Chair of Governors