



With the sunshine comes the great news that our building at Baccarras has now been finished and handed over to the school. The furniture is due to arrive imminently, however our PTFA was able to use one of our new classrooms for their meeting last week and the consensus was that we have a superb facility!



Farm Lane

I know that many of you regularly walk past the building at Farm Lane, however this recent picture shows the great progress that continues to be made.





Staffing

We are currently recruiting **Teaching Assistants** and a **Catering Assistant** for The High School and will shortly be uploading details of a part-time receptionist position. Please do have a look at the vacancies page on our website if you, or anyone you know who would be well suited to these positions and are interested in applying.

Mrs Nicki Harrington will be moving over from Balcarras School to be my PA and the Attendance Officer from September. I am absolutely delighted that she is joining the team as Mrs Harrington has been involved with the new school from the very outset of the project and has supported me superbly since I took up the Headship in January.

Extra-Curricular Provision

I strongly believe that a great school offers a whole host of interesting, fun and enriching opportunities to compliment the taught curriculum. The pupils I have spoken to during transition have, almost universally, shown an appetite to get involved in school life! In my last newsletter I mentioned the wide variety of clubs and groups that they might like to join and I have recently updated the Extra-Curricular section of our website to include more details of the private music tuition that will be offered to the pupils from September. A booklet with specific information about how to sign up for music tuition will be published with our transition information, however families might want to have a look in advance to see what is on offer and look at the costings. There is a lot to choose from!

LAMDA and Public Speaking Tuition

In the same section on the website you will also find information about LAMDA and Public Speaking tuition which is also being offered. Detailed information about how this will run and the cost of tuition is detailed in the documents on the website. Any enquiries relating to LAMDA or Public Speaking should be made directly with Mrs Crough on the email address provided.

Transition Information

After the Government's announcement to delay the lifting of restrictions until after 19th July, I am currently reviewing our transition arrangements. **I will write to parents in a separate letter with further details shortly.** I do want to reassure parents and children that we will continue to put everything in place to make the transition as smooth as possible and whilst the news does require some compromise, I feel that the children are already in a strong position to move up in September – not least because Miss O'Riordan and I will soon have met every child coming to the school and I'm not sure how many Headteachers are fortunate enough to say that!

Bus Transport

Thank you for your patience as the Transport Team have sent out bus passes and information about which bus stop your child has been allocated. If you do have any questions please contact the Transport Team directly, although we may be able to ask a question on your behalf if necessary.

PTFA update

Thanks again to the PTFA who met for second time last week. They are currently organising an 'Ice Breaker Disco' for the pupils for the **24th September 2021** which looks like it will be a great event! Parents will be invited to attend a social event in an adjacent room whilst the children go to the disco, so it will be a lovely way for our families to meet each other. Information will go on the website as the planning progresses and if you'd like to help in any way, please do email the school.

With warm wishes,

Helen Wood

Headteacher

