



It has been a very busy time for us all over the last two weeks! Thank you to all the families who have accepted their places at The High School Leckhampton for September 2021. We are delighted to have received so many emails from families who are excited to be joining the school, as well as so many generous offers of support. When the admission list settles down over the next few weeks, you will receive a welcome letter from me and a pre-admission form to complete.

I hope that your children have enjoyed their return to school this week. I know that their schools are delighted to have them back and are offering them some wonderful opportunities to make up for activities that they might have missed. I do hope that they really enjoy their remaining time at Primary School and have a wonderful send off in the summer!

As our calendars get increasingly busy, I thought it would be helpful to use this newsletter to remind our families about important deadlines and answer some of the questions that I have received:

**Parent Forum:** A detailed letter is on our website. The first meeting is on 17<sup>th</sup> March. We have received a large number of emails from parents wanting to attend so we have therefore allocated places randomly, making sure a wide variety of feeder schools are represented. We have emailed all those who expressed an interest to confirm whether or not they have been invited to attend the first meeting. Please don't worry if you weren't selected this time, there will be other opportunities and future meeting dates will be published on the website.

Please don't forget that if you have any questions you are always welcome to phone or email the school. I will always do my best to get back to you as soon as possible.

**PTFA:** Details about joining the Steering Group are also on the website. Next week I will be contacting those who expressed an interest to arrange a time for an initial meeting. There is still plenty of room for more people to be involved in getting this started, so please let us know if you can help at all. I am hoping that this group might be able to organise an event here at Baccarras at the end of the summer term so that our families can meet each other before the holidays and hopefully have a look at the new building. Please do offer your support if you can!

**Parent Governor Vacancies:** A detailed letter and links to important guidance documents are on the website. Please read the letter carefully and contact me directly if you have an interest in standing for election as a Parent Governor. Elections will be held in April.

**Pupil Planner Competition:** In the last newsletter we launched our planner competition. Please have a look if your child is interested. The closing date is looming, and it would be wonderful if lots of our prospective pupils participated! The **deadline 17<sup>th</sup> March**.

**Transport in September:** Gloucestershire County Council will be providing two buses to The High School Leckhampton at Baccarras School in September. The buses will take two different routes which are being planned by GCC, taking into account where the pupils live. There will be several stops on each route. **There is no charge for these buses.** Gloucestershire County Council are currently in negotiation with bus companies, and I am expecting to be able to share more information with our families just after the Easter Holidays. There is nothing else for you to do regarding signing up for transport at the moment. We do hope that when GCC publish the finer details, all the pupils will take up the offer of transport to reduce traffic on the roads in Charlton Kings.

**Uniform:** We will be uploading information about uniform on our website straight after Easter.

**Transition Arrangements:** Miss O'Riordan and I will be visiting all our new pupils in their Primary Schools in the summer term. These meetings are arranged at a time that is convenient to the Primary School and we will be finding out a lot about their interests and ability. Mrs Young, our SENDCO will be involved in all transition arrangements for pupils with an EHCP or identified SEND.

**Music Lessons:** We will be emailing all parents after Easter to enquire whether your child would be interested in having private music lessons in Year 7. Initially, parents will be asked just to express an interest and there will be an opportunity later in the summer term to confirm this commitment when we are able to confirm exactly what is on offer.





And finally,

I thought you would like to see some recent photographs of the building at Balcarras. The roof has gone on this week, since these photographs were taken and they are currently a little ahead of schedule!



With warm wishes,

Helen Wood  
Headteacher

