

## **Monthly Parent Update**

## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**



## Dear Parents

As we await the return of our students this Saturday, the staff team have all undergone essential training to support them in their role. This includes Safeguarding, First Aid on site, as well as more specialist training for our chefs at The Hilton Hotel Birmingham. Mark (Principal Designate) and myself (Interim Principal) have worked closely to plan and deliver, the general 'Welcome Back' for all staff. We have particularly encouraged everyone to focus on measuring and recording our evidence towards the impact measures, located at the bottom of The Big Picture Curriculum Model. This has been a wonderful time for us both, as we have been able to celebrate the real successes of Aurora Foxes, alongside the staff teams who have been so central to the students' success.

New faces were present this week, with new leaders in the Aurora Foxes team and new roles for some of our staff. With these changes in key roles, there is always the potential for an unsettled start to the term. However, rigorous training has been taking place to ensure a smooth transition and evidence from the staff response to training has been overwhelmingly positive and we remain focused on creating a meaningful and positive student experience for all.

I feel I need to offer you an explanation for the delay of the End of Term reports. As you know these would normally be ready on the last day of term, but an extensive redesign of the format, comprising improvements in both quality and range, has delayed release on this occasion. I hope when you receive them before the end of January, that you will be pleased with the adjustments we have made. A feedback facility will be provided with each report, so that we can learn from your initial impressions and experiences of the new format. We expect all reports will be issued in a timely manner going forward.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and successful 2023.

## Kevin Parker

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