

28<sup>th</sup> June 2017

CPS/VLU/LeadershipStructure

Dear Parents/Carers

### **The Leigh Academy from September 2017 – Senior Leadership Team and Academy Day**

Further to the announcement in April that Sharon Waterman would be taking on a new role within The Leigh Academies Trust, we are now pleased to announce the new Senior Leadership Team from September 2017:-

#### **PRINCIPALS**

**Julia Collins** – Julia joined The Leigh Academy in April 2011 as Vice Principal of Chaucer College and was promoted to Principal of Chaucer College and subsequently took on her dual role as Principal of Chaucer & Darwin Colleges

**Faye McGill** – Faye joined The Leigh Academy in August 2012 as Principal of Da Vinci College and subsequently took on her dual role as Principal of Da Vinci & Brunel Colleges

Julia Collins and Faye McGill will be co-Principals of The Leigh Academy.

#### **BRUNEL COLLEGE**

**Head of College:** Mark Shepherd – Vice Principal of Brunel College since January 2012

**Assistant Head of College:** Matthew Piggott – joins us from James Hornsby School where he is currently Head of College

#### **DA VINCI COLLEGE**

**Head of College:** Kevin Brewer – a long-standing member of staff at The Leigh Academy since 2004 and has been a member of the Senior Leadership Team since August 2010

**Assistant Head of College:** Patrick Lonergan – joins us from The Skinners' Kent Academy where he is currently Head of Mathematics

## DARWIN COLLEGE

**Head of College:** Stuart Lindars – a long-standing member of staff at The Leigh Academy and has been a member of the Senior Leadership Team since January 2013

**Assistant Head of College:** Matteo Stamato – has been internally promoted from his role as Director of Learning for PE and Dance

## CHAUCER COLLEGE

**Head of College:** Sarah Forde – joins us from The Weald of Kent Grammar School where she is currently a Senior Assistant Headteacher

**Assistant Head of College:** Mike Williams – a member of the Senior Leadership Team at The Leigh Academy since January 2013

We are delighted to have such a strong Senior Leadership Team moving forward with internal promotions and external additions, ensuring stability and our continued drive for excellence for all.

We would also like to take this opportunity to inform you that following a period of staff, parent and student consultation, the Governing Body have ratified the proposed changes to The Academy day which we believe will:-

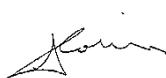
- maximise learning opportunities and ensure students are consistently engaged in their learning and making good progress
- allow us to timetable more frequent lessons for subjects so that students can embed and develop subject knowledge and the skills that the new curriculum demands

The earlier finish to the Academy day will also provide greater scope for staff to support students after school on an individual and small group basis and for the expansion of after school clubs and activities.

The timings of The Leigh Academy Day from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 will therefore be as per the attached sheet.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to working with you in partnership next year.

Yours faithfully



Julia Collins  
Academy Principal



Faye McGill  
Academy Principal