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HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear parents and guardians,

I am very proud to have been elected Chair of Governors in what promises to be a challenging, but very exciting year. I have been a Governor at RVHS for more than 10-years, with both my daughters having been at the school. Amy has just graduated with a first from Exeter University and is now working at KPMG, whilst Laura is in her second year at the Central School of Speech and Drama; proving that the opportunities available to RVHS students are as good as those available to students in the leading schools in the country!

In July the Governing Body decided that joining a Multi Academy Trust (MAT) would be in the best interests of the pupils and staff at RVHS. Since then we have carried out extensive research into the options available, to identify the MAT that is most closely aligned to the culture and ethos of our school and which will help RVHS develop most effectively.

We have now entered the first stage of negotiations with CLP – a Chelmsford based MAT which includes The Boswells School, where Paul Banks is Executive Headteacher – who wish to form a West Essex Hub of schools to work with them. It is still very early days as we are currently sharing information, but we hope to hold a presentation to explain the benefits of partnering with CLP shortly after half-term. In this arrangement, Paul Banks will continue in his position as Executive Headteacher at RVHS and Sharon Jenner in her role as Head of School. It has been an exceptionally positive start to the new academic year and we are confident that our new model of leadership will continue to bring success to the school.

We will, of course, keep you informed of any developments. In the meantime, it is very much business as usual at the school, with the emphasis on providing every student with the best learning that we possibly can. Our new Year 7 students are now firmly part of the school and we look forward to seeing them develop all the way through to year 13. I would also like to welcome all our new teachers who, I am sure, will play a major part in the school's success in future years.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank Paul Wershof who has stepped down as Chair of Governors after almost a decade. I am delighted that Paul is remaining as a Governor as his experience will be invaluable during our conversion to a MAT.

Please feel free to contact me through the school office if you have any queries or concerns relating to how the school is being governed.

Kind regards

Tony Barritt