



Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2025

**Dear Parents and Guardians,**

**Re: Welcome to the New Academic Year**

Welcome back to what promises to be a new and exciting academic year at **Capital School**. I hope you and your family enjoyed a restful summer, and we are delighted to welcome you back as we begin another year of learning, opportunity, and growth.

### **Campus Developments**

#### **New STEAM Building**

We are proud to open our brand-new STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) building. This facility now houses Food Technology, Resistant Materials, Art, and a state-of-the-art Science Laboratory. While the STEAM building will be predominantly used by secondary pupils, we are delighted that Key Stage 2 pupils will also benefit by accessing these specialist facilities each week during our new enrichment period, which is an exciting part of our wider curriculum offer.

#### **Astro Pitch Development**

Our new astro pitch, located at the front of the school, is progressing well. Once completed, this large outdoor area will provide pupils with more opportunities for games and sport. We are also thrilled to share that this facility will be used in partnership with the **Real Madrid Academy**, offering our pupils unique sporting experiences.

### **Increasing Parental Engagement**

At Capital School, we place great importance on building a strong and positive partnership between parents and the school, as we believe this is essential to the success and growth of our community. Over the course of this academic year, we want parents to feel more connected to school life and play an active role in supporting the development of Capital School. There are several opportunities to get involved. Ms **Natasha** is leading our **Parent Teacher Organisation (PTO)**, which will play a key role in organising exciting events, including our new **Winter Fair** and arrangements for **National Day**. In the coming weeks, we will also be opening a **Parents' Lounge**, a welcoming informal space where parents can meet, drop in, and enjoy a coffee together.

Additionally, we will be running a series of **Parent Workshops**, with the full schedule to be published shortly. These sessions are designed to inform and educate parents about different aspects of school life, from how we assess pupils to a deeper exploration of our rewards policy. We are also introducing more informal fortnightly **Leadership Coffee Morning sessions**, where the Head of each school will be available to answer your questions. These coffee mornings will start on **Thursday 11th September for Primary** and **Thursday 18th September for Secondary** and will run on a **fortnightly basis** throughout the year.



## Phase Information Meetings

We are hosting some **phase-specific information meetings** with the relevant Head of school, as outlined below:

- **EYFS:** Sunday 31st August, 8:00am
- **KS1 (Years 1 & 2):** Sunday 31st August, 2:00pm
- **Lower KS2 (Years 3 & 4):** Monday 1st September, 8:00am
- **Upper KS2 (Years 5 & 6):** Monday 1st September, 2:00pm
- **KS3 (Years 7–9):** Tuesday 2nd September, 8:00am
- **KS4 (Years 10 & 11):** Tuesday 2nd September, 2:00pm

These sessions will give us an opportunity to help you understand the phase of learning your child is in.

## Parent Handbook

**Please also find attached the Parent Handbook**, which includes key information such as the timings of the school day, uniform requirements, equipment lists, and other important guidance for the year ahead. Please complete [this link](#) to acknowledge receipt of the parent handbook and that you have read and understood the Home School Agreement that we have put in place this year to strengthen the partnership between pupils, parents and the school

## Further Updates

Following this letter, you will also receive further communications from **Mr Scott** and **Mr Will**, who will provide phase-specific updates and guidance tailored to the different sections of the school.

We are very excited about the year ahead and all the opportunities it will bring for our pupils, staff, and parent community. With the continued support and partnership of our parents, we are confident that this will be a year of growth, achievement, and memorable experiences for everyone at Capital School. Together, we look forward to building on our successes and making this an exceptional year for all.

With best regards,

With warm regards,

**Assheton Woodall**  
Principal