## **Update from the Governors**

## **Dear Parents and Carers**

All movies are, essentially, divided into 3 parts. In Part 1 we are introduced to the character(s) in their normal environment, Part 2 casts them into a new, usually threatening world and Part 3 sees them either resolving things and living happily ever after or dashing into a hail of Bolivian Army bullets if you're a fan of Butch Cassidy.

It won't have escaped your attention that the school year is also divided into 3 and somewhat incredibly we are already half way through that third part, with Summer Holidays looming large on the horizon. As always at Clapham Terrace, there is a great deal to achieve in these last weeks, but before I write about that, I'd like to pass on the thanks of all the Governors for the way Mrs Miles and the Clapham Terrace team ran the annual Key Stage tests.

I witnessed day 1 of the KS2 assessments and it was great to see the kids looking relaxed and happy at breakfast club (another great Clapham tradition). From what I saw, this is definitely looking like a happy-ever-after finale...

**Rockets.** Those of you who use the OOSC have been sent a letter from the Directors which explains the changes happening from September. Before I wrote this update, I was keen to see all the 'i's dotted and 't's crossed on the future for the provision, and hopefully that letter answered any worries you may have. Essentially, from the beginning of the next School Year, Rockets will become part of Clapham Terrace, with the School's Senior Leadership Team managing the provision and the Governing Body providing oversight. The aim is that this change will be invisible to all who use the club, it is designed to allow School to use its experience to provide the essential safeguarding and regulatory supervision, as well as improving the already great experience the kids have.

However, I would like to stress a few important points that were fundamental to our taking over the running of Rockets. In September there will be no changes to charges, no changes to the personnel involved day-to-day and no changes to start or finish times. We aim to improve the booking and payment systems — and of course from September onwards, the School Office will be able to help with any queries you may have. Until then, please address day to day queries to the current Rockets team but do of course feel free to contact me on this or any other school matters at the address below.

I don't have room to talk about the huge number of activities planned before term end – sports days, school trips, concerts and of course the Year 6 leavers assembly amongst them – but please do enjoy these last few weeks of the year. You won't be surprised to know that the Leadership Team and Governors are already starting work planning Parts 1,2 & 3 of the sequel...

Regards,
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