



A Note From The Governors



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WATCH THIS SPACE!

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new 2017/18 school year!

We kicked off our first full Governing Body meeting of the term rounding up on the various goings on over the summer, including governor visits, and governor training sessions as well as re-electing and appointing Pauline Hinchliffe as Chair of the Governing Body and Lara Akpojiyovwi as Vice Chair.

We also bid a fond farewell to Richard Shearman (who has been a governor since 2005) and Guillaume Brocart. We thank them for all of their hard work on the Governing Body and wish them all the best in the future.

As a Governing Body going forward, we have decided to adopt a Code of Conduct to ensure that we all understand the expectations, commitment and responsibility of being a school governor and effectively carry out our duties within the school and the community.

We were very pleased to attend the opening of the new school playground on Friday 20 October with Olympic athlete, Serita Solomon. We are thrilled that Friars now has such an exciting and state of the art playground for our pupils to enjoy!

Finally, we are very much looking forward to meeting as many parents as possible at the forthcoming "Meet the Governors" event taking place on **Monday 6 November at 6pm** at the School. This will be your chance to get to know the Governing Body and ask any burning questions about governance at Friars!

MEET THE GOVERNORS - MONDAY 6 NOVEMBER AT 6PM

Your chance to meet members of the Governing Body and ask any burning questions about governance at Friars!

Governor Profile: Caroline Gershon is a solicitor at a leading international law firm in London. She has previously spent time working with schools both in London and overseas and is dedicated to using her skills to further the academic and pastoral needs of staff, parents and pupils at Friars.
Interests: enjoys art, travel, literature and the occasional trip to the gym!

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As the weather gets colder, here are the details of some FREE indoor activities:

BARBICAN CONSERVATORY

- Second biggest conservatory in London with over 2,000 species of tropical plants and trees
- Open on selected Sundays each month and bank holidays; upcoming dates include 5 November and 19 November 12 noon to 5pm
- <https://www.barbican.org.uk/whats-on/2017/event/conservatory>
- Nearest tube stop: Barbican

MUSEUM OF CHILDHOOD

- Largest institution of its kind in the world
- Open daily 10am—4.45pm
- <http://www.vam.ac.uk/moc/>
- Nearest tube stop: Bethnal Green

**"Education is education.
We should learn everything and then choose which path to follow"**

Malala Yousafzai

Have a great weekend!
Yours sincerely
Caroline Gershon, Governor