

24th June 2011

Dear Parents

A rumour has reached me that the school is 'running down' and that the intention is to close the school in a few years time. I feel the need to write to you to reassure you that this is not the case. The decision made by the Governing Body to close the Sixth form was not part of a larger picture to close the school, but as I said at the time was a decision made to ensure the future of the school as a 4 – 16 through school for girls in Mill Hill and to focus on the period of education that parents, staff and girls clearly think we do best. The Council of Governors has received several very powerful presentations from staff over this academic year on how the school is moving forward and the wonderful work that is going on.

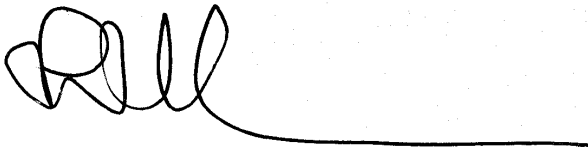
There will be some staff leaving at the end of this term, as there always is, as staff retire, move on or change career. There will also be new staff joining us in September. This is both entirely usual and good in any healthy organisation as staff changeover brings in new ideas and helps to keep our thinking fresh.

Life at school continues to be very busy; the end of this term may be nearly upon us but we still need to fit in an Art Exhibition, Sports Day, Interhouse Music Competition, as well as a Junior Production and many school trips and other activities. Next week staff are starting a series of four sessions on independent learning with an outside trainer and we are looking forward to some excellent examination results this summer from girls across the school. During the summer holiday we will be building a new shower block for the girls and will continue to invest in their future as we move the school forward.

I would ask you that if you have any concerns about the school you address those concerns to the Headteacher, Ms Cozens, so that you can be reassured rather than relying on rumour which all of us know is not the most reliable source of information. I will continue to keep you informed of any strategic changes.

The end of term is fast approaching so may I take this opportunity to wish you all a good summer holiday and I hope to see many of you at school events.

Yours sincerely



Mrs S Williamson MA
Chair of Governors