



**Acting Headteacher: Di Beddow MA, FRSA**

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Dear Parents and Carers

## **Ernulf Academy 2015: Looking Back, Looking Forward**

What a year it has been for Ernulf Academy! The first part of the year proved to be a very difficult and demanding time for us all. Department for Education and Ofsted monitoring visits earlier in the year outlined a number of areas in which we had to demonstrate rapid improvements. This asked a great deal of all the staff and students with continued and increased support from parents. As we have progressed through the academic year I am delighted that Ernulf has gone through a transformation and is now in a much stronger and more secure place.

In April Di Beddow joined Ernulf as Acting Headteacher. Under Ms Beddow's interim leadership and with support from new senior leaders to Ernulf, Miss Dodsworth and Mr Rowe, a greater level of capacity was installed to help lead the transformation that was necessary for Ernulf.

As Chair of Governors I am immensely proud of the report produced by Tim Bristow, Her Majesty's Inspector for Ofsted from his visit on 5 November 2015. In his report he stated "*senior leaders and governors are taking effective action to tackle the areas required for improvement identified*" and "*teaching in Mathematics, Modern Foreign languages and Science are much better than at the last time visited and in nearly all cases pupils work conscientiously and respectfully*".

This report from Mr Bristow came in just days after a report from Tim Coulson, the Regional Schools Commissioner following the visit of his Deputy, Rosemary Prince to Ernulf. In his letter he stressed that *Rosemary reported that "there was no doubt that big strides had been made to ensure actions happen which impact on learning"*. Rosemary also stated that "*relationships between pupils and staff are good, positive and there is a greater emphasis on achievement*".

The latter half of 2015 has been in stark contrast to how the year began. There is such external validation from both Ofsted and the Department for Education that Ernulf Academy is in a much more robust and secure place to continue with recent improvements. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Di Beddow for her leadership as Acting Headteacher. I confirm as in previous announcements that Mr Rick Carroll, the Chief Executive of the St Neots Learning Partnership and previous Headteacher at Longsands Academy, will take over the role as Acting Headteacher of Ernulf Academy from 1 January 2016.

May I take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for your continued support in working in partnership with staff at Ernulf. I am very clear that by working in genuine partnership we are much stronger together as we all have the same key aim – to ensure the best possible outcome for every student at Ernulf. I wish you all a very peaceful and restful Christmas break and look forward to a bright New Year for Ernulf Academy.

Yours sincerely

Karl Wainwright  
Chair of Governors



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