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Dear Parent / Carer

### **New build update**

I hope this letter finds you well. I wanted to update you on progress with our new buildings and some related matters.

I am pleased to report that building works have been progressing very well over recent months and we remain on track to take our place in them from this September. Students are already benefitting from being able to use the new all-weather 3G pitch along with the six court multi-use games area to the north west of our site, and the feedback from them and the PE staff has been very positive indeed. Thank you for your support regarding the specific footwear requirements for the new pitch.

Below is the most recent aerial view of the works, which gives you a sense of the progress being made and how things are taking shape.



Having had a recent tour of the facilities myself, I can report a palpable sense of excitement at how wonderful they will be for our students, staff and wider community.

There is, of course, a lot of work to be done between now and September. One important aspect of this relates to our existing lower school building, part of which we are going to vacate towards the end of June. This is so that Galliford Try can undertake some important works on the access route to the new car park and facilities and will mean re-housing music, geography and drama for the last

four weeks of term. The relevant curriculum leaders are on board with this and are confident that there will be no adverse impact on teaching and learning during this period when in their temporary classrooms elsewhere on the site.

### **New logos for QE and HMS**

The move to co-location in our new facilities has prompted us to update the logo of each school. Working with a local design agency and their project lead, a parent of former students, and getting input from students at both schools, we sought to determine an outcome that acknowledged our past and looked confidently to the future. Below are the final iterations, incorporating key elements of our heritage including our Latin motto, *spes durat avorum* – the hope of our ancestors endures. These new logos will feature on school letters, our websites, publications and the school uniforms from September. Thank you to the students who participated in the focus groups.



### **Uniform**

The new logos will be used in the uniform of the schools next year. Other than this change, the HMS uniform will remain as is, with existing pupils continuing with the current logo on their sweatshirts for as long as necessary, with only new year 5s expected to wear the updated sweatshirts.

The QE uniform is changing and will be worn by our new year 9s who will be joining us next year. Current year 9 and 10 students are not required to change to the new uniform in September, although they can do so if they wish. Those not making the change can continue to wear their existing uniform until such times that they outgrow this, at which point they can change to the new one.

We will write to new and existing parents with more specific details on this before the end of term. In the meantime, the websites of the uniform supplier to both schools, Michael Sehgal & Sons Ltd, have been updated with details of how to order new items – see [here](#) for QE and [here](#) for HMS. Please note: new items of uniform should not be worn before September.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Graeme Atkins', written over a horizontal line.

Graeme Atkins  
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