



THE ISLE OF SHEPPEY
ACADEMY

Tuesday 22 June 2010

Dear Parent/Carer

It is with regret that the Chairman and Governing Body have accepted Dr Mortimer's request to retire for family reasons from 31 August 2010 and would like to express their gratitude to Dr Mortimer for all he has done to prepare for, and ensure, the Academy's successful opening. His drive has been instrumental in shaping the Sponsors' vision and future education on the Island.

During his two and half years in post, Dr Mortimer has led and directed the Academy, working with Sponsors, Governors, staff and students to translate the vision into an organisation, structure, curriculum and facilities that will deliver outstanding opportunities for learning for students, the community and the future. From the early days of explaining and developing the vision at many open meetings, to overseeing the completion of the designs for the new buildings, Dr Mortimer has worked tirelessly.

As Principal, he appointed the Academy's excellent leadership team and then worked with them to embed the new organisation and approach to teaching and learning.

The Governing body has full confidence in the Academy's leadership team of two Executive Heads, the Director of Finance and Operations and the five Heads of School. This team is eminently qualified and experienced to lead and manage the Academy whilst the process to appoint a new Principal is set in motion.

The leadership team will be given further support and guidance by Ralph Mainard, Deputy Master External of Dulwich College (Lead Sponsor), who has extensive experience of advising and overseeing a number of new and established schools. Mr Mainard will prove an invaluable asset over the coming months as the Academy moves into the next stage of its development of continuing to raise standards while also managing the building process.

These are interesting and exciting times in education and not least for the Academy, as the final details of our building plans are agreed and we move towards the construction of our outstanding new facilities across both the Academy's sites.

The Governing Body thanks Dr Mortimer for everything that he has done to move the Academy plans so far forward and wish him every happiness as he moves back to his beloved Lancashire.

Yours sincerely

Floella Benjamin
Chair of Governors