



Homefield Preparatory School

FOUNDED IN 1870

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Dear Parents,

You may well be aware of the community spirit that led Staff, Parents and Governors to step in to save the school in the 1960s, when the then Proprietor looked to sell the school. A charitable trust was proudly launched and a new school built. Only ever designed to last a few decades, most of these 1960s buildings have since been replaced with higher calibre classrooms, such as the Science, Art and Music rooms. As our 150th anniversary in 2020 draws ever closer, the time is now right for the next stage of investment in the estate to ensure consistently high quality facilities are provided for our boys now and for future generations.

The Governors and Senior Management Team have spent some time carefully deliberating what is required. This has enabled diligent planning and provided the ideal opportunity to conduct site surveys, explore funding options that won't burden parents and to commission architects. As part of this process, we have considered our heritage and values, making certain that the aspects of Homefield we all hold dear remain unchanged. Significant thought has gone into ensuring that any building programme is safe and carries the least possible disruption for the boys. Equally, we have been conscious to minimise any inconvenience to you as parents.

We intend to remain the same size, thus safeguarding the community spirit so evident in the 1960s. Our plan is to redevelop the front of our School: The current 'Cordrey Building' will move to a new block, sited to the rear of the School, to provide bigger classrooms with a much improved specification for the boys to use. The plan also provides a new library, computer suite and music facilities. The front of the School will then be developed to house a much larger hall space (on two levels) for assemblies, performances and dining. We have put forward an innovative approach to construction, organised in clear phases to limit any disruption. Rest assured, we fully intend to preserve our invaluable green spaces and sports facilities, and in fact we expect to gain around 10% more green space. Our boys should have space, comfort and access to an excellent learning and recreational environment.

We shall move with assurance on the stages here: The first thing we will do is build the new classroom block to the rear, which we anticipate starting in the Autumn Term. Once that's done we shall decant the boys in and remove the old block. This space made at the front will, in turn, become the new, bigger hall and dining area. The Johnson building (a rather uninspiring rectangle situated by the playing field) will then be removed to create more green space.

Ingleton Wood, are our appointed architects and will provide professional project management and services across the build. Please find attached a list of FAQs and some illustrations to show the layout of the new buildings, elevations and the phases of construction. We also have a model that we will display in the Foyer.

This work will provide your boys with the highest level of accommodation and improve our overall estate enormously. It is an exciting time for the school as we reach our 150th anniversary.

Kind regards,

Headmaster