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Dear Queen Elizabeth's Parents, Carers, Students and Staff,

I write to you today on the eve of the Christmas break which seems to have come around more quickly than ever, a sign we have all been very busy.

Firstly, I would like to officially welcome all those who have joined the QEA community this year. To our new students in Year 7 and their families: thank you for joining us here at QEA and for settling in so quickly! We on the committee are excited to see how you grow and develop as part of the QEA Way. To our new members of staff: thank you for your efforts in hitting the ground running and embedding yourselves within the community

All the committee would like to thank Mrs Williams for her dedication and support as she steps down from her role as staff governor. Her years of services have added significant value to the governing body. Following a staff election, Mrs Angela Mitchell has been appointed as the new staff governor.

We are delighted with how our governing committee continues to grow in numbers and strength and have been pleased to welcome Mrs Danuta Kerwick-Chrisp as a governor and Mr Terry Clay as a QEA Trustee LAC governor, both of whom bring a wealth of experience to support us in our governing role.

As part of our role, governors attend a variety of QEA events. I offer my congratulations to our previous Year 11 cohort on their amazing results and hope they are enjoying their new journeys. Seeing so many attend the GCSE celebration evening recently shows just how important QEA was to these students as they grew. The Remembrance Service held on the 11th of November was a very moving occasion with a whole host of students delivering readings, performing music or laying wreaths. The Christmas Concert was an amazing showing of all the talent that is bubbling away here at QEA. It left us feeling proud to be a part of the community.

As governors we continue to be in awe of the accomplishments of Mrs Percival and her leadership team in growing the reputation and position of QEA in the local area. This is evidenced by the recent Open Evening which I am told was potentially the biggest on record! The academy is truly going from strength to strength with curriculum enhancements to support all students to achieve their very best.

I would like to close in wishing you all a very merry Christmas! I hope everyone has chance to spend time with their loved ones and to recharge their batteries.

Kindest regards,

Jo Bull

Vice Chair of the Local Academy Committee

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