

# AQUINAS ADVISORY COUNCIL (AAC)

## NEWSLETTER

**DECEMBER 2021**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our AAC met for the first time this academic term. We had a busy agenda to get through, but first of all welcomed our two newest members. The first being myself, Freddy Kenny, as the recently elected staff representative and the second, Danielle Kirkwood, who joins us from J P Morgan. We spent some time getting acquainted before discussing our roles and responsibilities for the year ahead.

Although our aim is to always work collaboratively as an AAC, we came to the mutual agreement for us each to lead on an area where we can use our expertise to help bolster the St George's school curriculum and continue to develop inclusive and enriching experiences for our children:

Role:

Safeguarding - Freddy Kenny

Inclusion - Sandra Wolf

Curriculum (inc RE) - Ngozi Melton

EDI - Sandra Wolf and Ngozi Melton

Finance, Sponsorship & Grants - Daniel Rose

Website Compliance: - Daniel Rose

PSHE/Mental Health - Danielle Kirkwood

We look forward to each of our AAC members being able to contribute their pool of strengths and are certain that this will result in new successes for St George's.

As we come to the end of another busy term, faced by the continuous challenges of the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic, it has been wonderful to witness so many community events across our school. The AAC would like to thank the Friends for organising two fantastic events this term, the first being a rather competitive Quiz Night, and the second a very successful Winter Fair last weekend. It was great to see so many friendly faces of both children and adults from our local community, including our alumni having fun and engaging in lots of festive activities, all in aid of raising money for the enrichment programme linked to our Curriculum.



Within school, the AAC were very kindly invited to the EYFS and Year 2 Nativity performances. The standard of staging, costume and acting were phenomenal and the heart-warming performances by the children led to many tears of joy. Due to the unfortunate change in current COVID circumstances, the St George's Christmas Church service at Bickley Church had to be cancelled. However as always, the teachers at St George's went above and beyond to deliver a wonderful service full of Christmas carols and prayers within each class to ensure that the children did not miss out.

As we look forward to the New Year, the AAC would like to take this opportunity to thank our Senior Leadership Team, Teachers, Teaching Assistants, Midday Supervisors, Catering Staff, Admin Team, Site Management, Friends and Volunteers, Club personnel and Cleaning team for their continued dedication, diligence and perseverance throughout the Autumn term. We wish all members of our community a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**Freddy Kenny on behalf of the Aquinas Advisory Council**

