

# Heads'

## update

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Dear Parents and Carers

What a wonderful start to the new year! We welcomed 90 new Year 3 children who are now 'Class of 2021' (the year they graduate in year 6). We must say the children have been amazing and have settled in immediately in all year groups! School has been a delight to walk around this week and it is lovely to see every child so smartly dressed in their new uniforms. Please just a reminder that hair accessories, such as bows, should be small in size and in neutral or school colours only. Please refrain from large 'jojo' style bows. Thank you in advance.

Our annual Tie Ceremony on Tuesday morning was a really special and enjoyable morning. All our new children came down the red carpet to be presented with a new tie. This is a real honour for us and we hope that moment will always be a wonderful memory for the children and their families.

As many of you may have seen on our Facebook page the new 'Promenade' area in Year 5 is now open. This is an amazing space for the children to learn and a real inspiring learning environment. Please do have a look on Facebook to see the pics, or pop in after school one day! The children love it and it fits in perfectly with all our other wonderful learning spaces.

We have said this many times, but it is always at the start of term when you appreciate what a wonderful staff team we have at SEJ! Lots of staff were in over the summer planning and preparing for the new term. Our premises team also take over the building and give it a really deep clean and create the wonderful new spaces such as the Promenade. The school does look amazing and we are very lucky to have such a lovely place to learn and work in. We are sure you would join me in saying a major big thank you to everyone who makes this all happen.

This academic year will be a big one for our school and we have lots of wonderful things planned for the children. Big events will include our final decisions around becoming an academy and we will definitely be getting a visit from Ofsted! This is certainly a wonderful opportunity for our school to shine, and when the time comes, we will need your help to show this by completing the online parent view and of course talking with the inspectors. We have an amazing school and this last year we had amazing results so let's shout it from the rooftops and be proud of the school you send your children to, proud of the school we learn in and proud of the school we work in!

Please remember we are always here, and staff are always on the gate in the morning and around on the playground after school so do catch us. If you can't get in, you can always drop an email or phone in to catch your teacher or Director of Learning.

Kind regards

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