



Dear Yeoman Park and Redgate families,

As 2024 draws to a close, it is good to reflect on a successful term and to look forward to exciting events next year.

We have had a busy term at Redgate and one of the highlights was taking all the children to see the Aladdin pantomime at the Palace Theatre, where great fun was had by all! A real bonus for everyone at the academy was the arrival of the new minibus. This has meant all the children can get out and about into the community more easily which is fantastic for building great experiences and memories.

Much work is going into refining the curriculum at Redgate in order to meet the unique needs of all the children. All our children in the academy access and engage with the Interoception curriculum which helps them to notice the signals their body gives them e.g. my hands feel cold when I touch ice. This approach is very beneficial to our children. We are working across the trust with Yeoman Park and the Primaries for our academy improvement and the East Midlands Maths hub

At Yeoman Park we are closing a chapter on our old school. We are pausing to remember all those learners and staff that have been through the doors, some of whom are no longer with us. We also recognise that the school is its people and not just a building, although it's nice to have new stuff! Being able to offer better facilities is our Christmas present. Next year we are opening a new chapter. Being able to host events and offering adequate car parking facilities will be wonderful. Developing new teachers and staff will enhance the learning our children and young people receive.

We have worked hard on our curriculum and our offer to learners. A great deal of work has gone into designing a new curriculum and we have improved our reading offer. We are continuing to work with specialists including Music, OT and Dance. Most importantly we are continuing to Achieve, Celebrate and Enjoy our time at school.

Both academies appreciate the continued support given by the Trust and the governing body. Through the trust, staff have access to training, the ability to share practice across other academies and specialist help and advice.

One of the best things about being a governor is visiting the academies, talking to the children and young people and seeing the exciting and engaging curriculum the learners follow, in action. Everyone in both academies is focused on giving every learner the best possible start and to providing them with skills to help them in later life. It is so rewarding to see how well the learners thrive in such caring and supportive environments.

We hope to see you at the Christmas performances planned for the end of term and some of the governors are looking forward to joining the learners for Christmas dinner!

We look forward to working with you again in 2025 and we would like to wish all the families of Redgate and Yeoman Park a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kind regards

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