

4 January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I am delighted to introduce myself to you as Caludon Castle's new Headteacher. With Michele Marr now assuming the full-time role of CEO for the Castle Phoenix Trust, I am exceptionally privileged to be entrusted with the leadership of the school.

I am determined that under my leadership, the school will build on its already excellent reputation and continue to flourish and maintain its position at the heart of our community. I will ensure that our high expectations and standards are maintained, with your support, and the dedication and commitment of the staff, we will provide a great education, enabling every student to aim high and reach for their ambitions. Caludon Castle is a vibrant and successful school with an ethos of respect, ambition and care permeating through every classroom. It is clear from the time that I have already spent at Caludon that there is a palpable sense of teamwork between pupils and staff, setting the foundations for developing confident and curious learners. I am passionate about continuing to invest in the shared ambition of our staff, to develop the most effective classroom practice, and to offer our pupils a curriculum that inspires them as well as securing their futures beyond school.

School life is sadly rather disrupted at the moment and we all look forward to a gradual return to the additional opportunities in and outside of the classroom that our school can offer. I want your children to participate in clubs and activities that challenge and engage them; to collaborate with peers and to develop their own interests in addition to their formal qualifications. Most importantly, I want all pupils to share experiences with friends better enabling them to balance the demands of learning alongside personal development.

Caludon Castle School is fortunate to be part of a successful multi-academy trust with a strong leadership culture for both staff and pupils. As well as attracting and developing excellent professionals, our school community also has much to share as we collaborate with partner schools realising opportunities to continually learn and grow. Our pupils will benefit from this outward looking approach through which our own future leaders will no doubt emerge!

The sense of teamwork extends to working with our parents and Caludon families as I have already experienced, thanks to those of you who have kindly responded to our request for volunteers. I trust that you will share our goal of preparing our children for their bright futures and I look forward to working with you in making this a reality. Building positive relationships with parents and carers is key and I am always happy to talk through any issues and suggestions. To that end, I shall be hosting a number of online drop-in sessions for parents and carers who wish to talk to me directly about any points they wish to raise. The first will be held on Thursday 14 January at 10.15am for an hour. If you would like an appointment, please email your details to stturnerj@caludoncastle.co.uk and include a question you would like to raise. This is the first of a number of 'meet' the headteacher sessions. All parents and carers are welcome, but numbers will be restricted to 20 per session.

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Prior to my appointment at Caludon Castle, I was the Deputy Headteacher at King Edward VI Aston School and before that I was Assistant Principal for the Arden Multi Academy Trust. I have always believed in high academic aspirations and standards for every student, but also that great schools can achieve wonderful examination results alongside a rich, varied and enjoyable education. As a parent to two secondary school age children myself, I know how personal development and pastoral care are also vital components of a happy and healthy school life for our children. Joining Caludon Castle School, I am committed to fully knowing our pupils and to maintaining positive channels of communication to best personalise their school experience.

I look forward to working with you all in the coming months and years. In the meantime, do take good care of yourselves and your loved ones in these difficult times.

Yours faithfully



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