



# THE ISLAND FREE SCHOOL

## Welcome to our February newsletter

Dear Parents,

The wait is finally over! The Governing members of the Island Free School spent Sunday afternoon hand delivering letters to parents all over the Island offering places at the school for September 2014. So far the uptake of places has been fantastic, please see our website for individual quotes.

We are aware that individual situations may have changed and given that Christ the King College has increased their intake to 270 places in Year 7 this year, some parents may decide not to take up the offer of a place at The Island Free School. If you do not wish to take up your offer of a place could I ask that parents contact our office on 857641 as soon as possible as we have a large waiting list of children who are extremely keen to join our school. May I also remind you that all responses must be received within 20 days of the offer.

### **Governance**

Our Governing body has now had its first external training delivered by Clare Collins from the National Governors' Association. Individual training sessions on the responsibilities of governance will be taking place over the coming months in preparation for our opening. Parents who are interested in joining the governing body will have the opportunity to talk to existing governors at the information session on Saturday 15 March.

### **Staffing**

Response to the staff profiles we sent out to parents has been extremely positive. It is our intention to share staff profiles of all teachers employed by the school to ensure that parents have all of the information they need to choose the right school for their children. The Governors and Headmaster have now completed the interview process for all teaching posts and it only remains for Mr Boyd to see each candidate teach in their current schools before we share details of all appointments. In the interim we can confirm that all those being considered have been graded as good to outstanding by Ofsted and that all are qualified and very experienced teachers.

### **Uniform**

The uniform brochure will be available at the information meeting on Saturday 15 March. An online version of the brochure will be available on the website at the same time.

### **Site**

The Headmaster hopes to share details of the permanent site, including architects' plans and the building schedule, at the meeting on Saturday 15 March.

Kind regards,

**The Island Free School Team**

*An Island school for Island families offering outstanding education for all*