



Salisbury Plain
Academies

1st September 2017

Dear Staff, parents and Trust members,

We start our new school year with a spirit of optimism and excitement.

A warm welcome to all new staff, Trustees, families and pupils. This includes our new CEO Tina Evans. The Salisbury Plain Academies family is growing rapidly and we are looking forward to sharing the successes of a new year with you all. We extend our best wishes to departing staff and hope they enjoy success in their new endeavours.

The new school build at St Michael's proceeds at pace and the plans are coming together well. It is going to be an exceptional facility for local pupils and we are very excited to see the structure coming together. The foundations are almost finished and the steel frame arrives on site early in September. As the structure comes together, we shall keep a regular flow of photographs arriving on our SPA website pages.

Also, the plans for a wonderful new music, creative and performing arts facility at AVC are very much in the final phase of development. This is good timing, as our new AVC Principal Mr Johnston has a strong interest in music and the performing arts. It will be an exceptional, modern build adding real quality to the AVC offer. We are working closely with architects and planners to secure a start date within this academic year – and shall keep you informed of progress as the plans develop.

End of year outcomes for pupils evidenced many successes. All the schools have been working immensely hard to make sure that teaching and learning is as good as it can be. Our primary school pupils are doing very well, and their outcomes in the majority of statutory assessments at the end of Reception, Y1, Y2 and Y6 were either in line with or above National averages in all of our schools. Some students at AVC have achieved very worthy results – and with the new AVC Principal now in place we anticipate better and better outcomes for our AVC students.

The forthcoming year will see us consolidate and improve on our current position. We are actively working with partners that we hope will become members of the widening SPA family of schools. We will be enhancing local opportunity for extended care with new after-school offers at both Durrington Infants and Bulford St Leonards. The curriculum in all of our schools has been under close scrutiny, and the curriculum for the younger children in the primary and infant schools has been revisited and improved.

Welcome to a new year, a fresh start, the chance to achieve yet more.

With best wishes

John Nutt
Chair, Salisbury Plain Academies