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## INFORMATION UPDATE

### FROM THE BOARD OF MALEK FAHD ISLAMIC SCHOOL

Tuesday 26 June 2018

Assalamualaikum

#### **Development of a new Strategic Plan**

In the previous *Information Update* (18 May), I informed you that we were starting the process to develop a School Strategic Plan for July 2018 to June 2021.

I am pleased to report that it is going very well.

On Friday 22 June, members of the Board, the Parents Advisory Committee (PAC) and senior staff participated in a workshop facilitated by Simon Neaverson of The Professional Partner Group. We discussed 'The Vision', 'The Mission of the School' and 'The High-Level Strategies' that would provide a structure and focus for the Plan.

The discussion during the workshop was greatly assisted by the considerable work that staff already had undertaken with Simon and by responses to a survey made available to parents and staff. Simon was very impressed with the fact that 446 parents responded and contributed.

During one important session towards the end of the workshop, the group started to allocate a priority and a timetable to each of the initiatives already identified and the additional initiatives identified by the survey.

In the coming week, Simon will provide a draft of the Strategic Plan that incorporates input from the workshop. This draft will be reviewed and refined as necessary.

While much has been achieved, there is much to do. In addition to finalising the key elements, each initiative that is incorporated in the Plan will need to be assessed in relation to its scope, priority and cost before the Board is able to approve the Plan.

Ultimately, of course, a Strategic Plan is all about doing our very best for current and future students of our School.

#### **Progress on our application for funding**

As reported to you in the previous *Information Update*, we have applied to be recognised as an Approved Authority to receive Commonwealth funding. Following the application, we received a letter requesting information. This information was provided in mid-May and the Commonwealth's officers began the task of working through it to assess the School's compliance with the Act.

As a result of their thorough consideration of the material we sent the Commonwealth, officers sent two further requests for information. The first of these was received a couple of weeks ago and sought information on the leases for the Greenacre and Hoxton Park land. The required information was straightforward and quickly provided. The second request, received late last week, asked for further information on the financial accounts. This information will be provided in the coming week.

The Commonwealth Department has not given us a date by which it expects to make a decision about our application. We hope that it will be soon and expect it to be positive.

Jazakallah Khairan for your ongoing support.

Wassalam

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Chair