



CORNELIUS
VERMUYDEN
SCHOOL

Specialising in Arts, Mathematics and Computing

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to inform you of my intention to retire from my post as Headteacher of Cornelius Vermuyden School from January 2019. This is the most difficult letter I have had to write as I do so with such sadness in my heart. I have enjoyed sixteen wonderful years as Headteacher and have felt extremely privileged to have had the opportunity to lead an excellent team of staff and work with a very exciting group of students and parents. I will leave with many fond memories of my time at the school. I must thank all of the Governors for putting their faith and trust in me on my appointment and for their continued support over that time. I hope that I have repaid their confidence in continuing the Cornelius journey to become an oversubscribed, popular and 'Good' school in such turbulent, challenging and uncertain times educationally, politically and financially. I have enjoyed almost every minute! There has certainly never been a dull moment.

I have complete confidence in our governing body making an outstanding appointment for my successor, who will in turn lead the school forward. I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing the school on its journey of continuous improvement over the years. Steering the rebuilding of the school to provide outstanding facilities gave me great satisfaction and pride in what has been achieved and is available for current and future generations of Canvey students. It has been exciting and very rewarding with the support of a happy, committed and highly professional staff and an outstanding leadership team. It is and always has been wonderfully rewarding to see children grow, develop, become successful and share their success by visiting us and passing on their experiences to current students. I believe I will be passing Cornelius Vermuyden School over to a new post holder in a very positive and healthy position as a school that tries to do its very best for its students, the community of Canvey and is a forward thinking and dynamic organization.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank students, staff, parents/carers, governors and the community of Canvey Island for their continuous support and commitment to our school and I am confident that this support and commitment will be given to my successor. I will, of course, help in any way I can to make the transition to a new Headteacher as smooth as possible.

Yours sincerely

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