

29th April 2021

Dear Parents,

This morning we hosted the Prime Minister and the Chancellor as visitors to King Solomon Academy at the Older Years Site. It is likely that you may see this in the news today, so I thought it would be good to share this with you promptly and directly now.

The Prime Minister and Chancellor wanted to visit our school to shine a positive spotlight on the work of King Solomon Academy, recognising the success and excellence that our school represents. I hope the whole community enjoys the recognition and acknowledgement that such a visit provides.

They also came to speak directly to our pupils and staff about their experiences over the last year, and hear about our plans for the future. As well as visiting classrooms (well done to 6 Nottingham, 7 York, 8 Royal Holloway and 9 Manchester, 12 Helvellyn, who represented themselves and our school brilliantly), our guests also sat and spoke personally to pupils in Year 11 and 13 who are navigating their qualifications in an unprecedented way this summer. I am pleased that they were able to hear our pupils' perspectives and hear about what more the Government can do to support our pupils (and pupils across the country) in the future.

Whilst there is lots to be proud of in terms of the provision in the school over the last year, we know that it has been a difficult time for many in our community, and we, like all schools, have been learning and adapting to the challenge as we go. We therefore shared our reflections with the Prime Minister and Chancellor with humility and hope for the future.

Although we have not welcomed many visitors over the last year, I would like to reassure parents that this visit was done safely with all appropriate Covid-19 risk control measures (e.g. masks, distancing, ventilation) being in place for the visit.

I am sorry we were not able to alert you to this visit before now. As I am sure you understand, security considerations mean that we were not able to communicate about it in advance.

Very best wishes,

Mr M. Haimendorf
Principal