

# Chairman's introduction

In autumn 2004, Elmhurst School for Dance moved into its new, purpose-built campus in Birmingham, with a largely new team of excellent vocational, academic, pastoral and support staff, and a cohort of pupils transplanted from Camberley.

Today that exciting mix has become a thriving community, taking on an important role in Birmingham and proving an invaluable asset to a city that values the arts. The school's relationship with Birmingham Royal Ballet is being nurtured, with an apprenticeship scheme now fully launched and the first former Birmingham Elmhurst pupils now members of the company. There are also strong links being forged with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, the Birmingham School of Acting and local opera and drama groups.

In addition to this artistic flowering, academic links have been made with local universities and schools, allowing pupils increased opportunities to develop all their talents, and Elmhurst is a centre of caring excellence.

As its Chairman, I know that the Board of Governors looks forward to supporting the Principal and her team as they continue to develop the local, national and international reputation of the school.

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