

16<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Parent and Carers

I regret to inform you that our Headteacher, Helen Johnson, is unwell and will not be back in school for some time. To respect her privacy, I am unable to share any more details, but I am sure you will have her in your thoughts and wish her well.

We now have to put a leadership structure in place that can see the school managed during this period. In doing so, we need to ensure that this is more than a stop-gap and that the work of developing and improving the school continues apace.

To this end, I am pleased to inform you that Peter Mee, our current Deputy Head, will with immediate effect take on the role of Head of School. With regards to the experience of your child and your interactions with the school he will essentially be the Headteacher. What the Trust has done is put additional resources and support in place so that much of the work required to run the 'business' side of the school will be taken by others and so give Mr Mee the time and space to focus on our students' education and wider development.

As part of that support structure I will take on the role of Executive Head, managing the business side of the school and supporting the current SLT strategically.

Your child's education and development is the only thing that matters to us and I know that the SLT are very focused and determined in this matter. We have introduced some important additions to the school in the last month or so and will continue to look to find every opportunity to do even more.

For all our children, these are precious years and we will work to make them enjoyable, fulfilling and successful. I would take time to draw particular attention to our students in Y11. They have less than 100 school days left in education and it is vital that we, they and you make the most of every one of these. This time will be challenging, indeed it is supposed to be so, and will require all give more but whatever investment in time and energy is made now will be more than paid back with the opportunities that success will open up.

I look forward to working with the school over this next period of time and hope that we can all make the very most of what has come about through this unfortunate and difficult situation.

Mike Kilbride

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