5th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well and had a wonderful and safe festive period. As you may be aware, as of January 1st 2022, I am officially the Principal of Waseley Hills High School. It is with an enormous sense of pride and a great deal of excitement that I am joining such a strong community of hardworking students and dedicated staff.

Prior to this role, I have had a long history of working within schools and Waseley Hills will be my third headship. As a leader, I am driven by the belief that an excellent education is the most crucial component to providing each child with the skills and opportunities to succeed. This is why I have always focused on raising and maintaining a high standard of educational outcomes for students from all backgrounds. I am bringing this same determination and dedication to improving educational standards to my role at Waseley Hills.

I will now be working hard to embed a culture of high aspiration and high academic standards within the school. Our leadership team, with support from Central Region Schools Trust, will provide your child with every opportunity to thrive in their education and next steps.

A key part of achieving these goals will be creating a strong partnership between home and school. I will ensure this partnership is built upon a foundation of mutual trust and open communication and that students’ best interests are at the heart of every decision.

I am thrilled to be joining at such a pivotal time for the school, as it is now part of the Central Region Schools Trust. This new chapter brings with it exciting opportunities to work alongside other successful schools to share expertise, best practice and provide new opportunities for all students. Working collaboratively will allow students and staff to learn and develop together in order to achieve strong academic outcomes and provide a full and enriched experience of school.

The core vision of the Trust is to ensure social justice through exceptional schools and this message is one that will drive the staff and leaders within the school to work hard for your children. The Trust’s work to secure a brand-new state of the art building for the school forms part of this commitment to making a long-lasting difference for students at Waseley. Excitingly, we are currently in the design phase for the new building, and we will be inviting you to take part in a special design event in the spring term to find out more about this very special project. We will let you know full details when available.

I look forward to meeting you and introducing myself in person. With the current challenges due to the pandemic, this may be a virtual meeting initially, however, my door is always open, virtually or otherwise. In the interim, I welcome your thoughts as we look to move Waseley Hills High School towards an exciting future.

Yours sincerely,

Damian Belshaw

Principal