

19th January 2022

Dear Parents,

Appointment of Interim Principal during Maternity Cover

Following our letter to you before Christmas, I wanted to update you on our plans for leadership at the College during Ms Stoneham's maternity leave which will begin at Easter.

We are very pleased to have appointed Mr Richard Shaw as Interim Principal to cover her absence. Mr Shaw is a highly experienced school leader who is currently Deputy Principal of our Kettering Buccleuch Academy (KBA) where he has worked closely with Mr Di Salvo in developing its reputation as a high-performing, popular and successful school. Having graduated from Manchester Metropolitan University with a degree in Spanish and Linguistics, Mr Shaw began his career at Northampton School for Boys before joining KBA in 2014 as an Assistant Principal and Head of House and before being promoted to Deputy Principal in 2016.

During this term Mr Shaw will spend time with Mr Di Salvo and Ms Stoneham in ensuring a successful handover at Easter and, having visited the College twice already to conduct learning walks, he is very much looking forward to spending more time at the College and to getting to know students and staff.

These remain challenging times, Covid-wise and some of you will be aware that Mr Di Salvo's arrival at the College was delayed by he and his family being infected with the virus. Thankfully he has now recovered fully and is spending this week in school working with staff and students on the important challenges of the year ahead. He has already spoken with a number of parents and is looking forward to introducing himself to more of you at this evening's Virtual Townhall meeting.

Thank you for everything that you are doing to support the school and your child's learning at this time. We are all hopeful that the current measures in place are sufficient to keep cases down to manageable levels and that students can enjoy a full term in school and continue to catch up on the learning and opportunities that were inevitably lost through the Pandemic.

May I wish you an enjoyable Spring term.

Yours sincerely,



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