



King's Academy Ringmer

23 April 2019

Dear Parent / Carer

Appointment of a new Principal

We are pleased to announce that we appointed a new Principal yesterday.

Students, parents, community members, staff, trustees and governors all took part in the interview process to ensure that we appointed someone who was able to gain the confidence of all the school's stakeholders. Many thanks to all who gave up time to take part in the process.

It was a pleasure to see so many strong candidates, but we needed to be sure we had someone who was right for King's Academy Ringmer.

We have appointed Mrs Sian Williams, who comes to us from the Chichester Free School, a school that she was involved in building from scratch and which enjoys good academic standards. We are confident that she will continue the improvement in standards started by Mr Hillier and KGA; will inspire and motivate our staff team; and will continue to build links with the community and grow our school.

We were very impressed with Mrs Williams' passion for improving the lives of students; her dedication to her vocation as a teacher; her appreciation of the many different aspects of Ringmer life; her commitment to building relationships with Ringmer staff and her exciting and energetic vision for an Academy full of dramatic, sporting, musical and academic opportunities.

We are looking forward very much to Mrs Williams starting with us in September.

It is very important that parents/carers of our feeder schools and the local community get the chance to meet Mrs Williams at the earliest possibility. **We would therefore like you to join us to meet Mrs Williams and also Nick Cross, King's Group new CEO (further information detailed at the end of this newsletter) at an introduction evening at the school on Thursday 9 May 2019 at 6.30pm. We will be providing refreshments on arrival. If you are interested in joining us, please email Amanda French, PA to the Principal at amanda.french@kingsacademies.uk**

King's Group CEO appointment

King's Group invited all the Principals and governors from across the chain to take part in our recruitment for a Chief Executive Officer. I became very familiar with the journey to King's Academy in Binfield, as we had three goes at the appointment, determined as we were to get the right appointment. We definitely feel that we have this in our new CEO, Nick Cross. In his career, Nick has been a Headteacher, a senior leader within a Multi-Academy Trust, and a senior leader at PIXL, a national organisation that helps schools improve their standards. He is knowledgeable, approachable and a good listener.

Nick starts with KGA on 23rd April. Please come along to the introduction evening on 9 May at 6.30pm so you get the opportunity to meet Nick Cross and also Mrs Williams, our new Principal.

Yours faithfully

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Chair of Governors

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