



27th March 2023

Dear parents, carers and all in the Chessington School community

I wrote to you on Friday with a rich array of information, included in which was the selection process for our Head of School position to work with me in the role of Executive Head next year.

A selection team including Governors, myself, Headteachers from Grey Court and Hollyfield, Trustees and Achieving for Children was assembled. We selected from twelve high quality candidates on senior leadership teams locally and nationally; with four candidates shortlisted for the interview process. Over two days the candidates had to successfully overcome five different interview panels, a plethora of tasks, delivering a staff briefing, astutely observing learning, lesson feedback, giving an assembly and then finally a presentation to governors, followed by an hour long interview.

It was clear that one candidate was the right person for our school; having finished atop of the vast majority of these selection mechanisms. So, it gives myself and our Governors great pleasure to say that Sarah Wilson / Ms Wilson (our current Deputy Headteacher) will be our Head of School from September 2023. Ms Wilson has been with us on our journey and leading our community since January 2016 as Deputy Headteacher. As you will know she works tirelessly for our children, expects the very best for our community and leads with conviction. I am excited to continue to work with her, to collaboratively enhance the vision with her and to watch her lead our school to even better things.

Ms Wilson has said *"I am thrilled to have been successfully appointed to this role. Chessington School is very important to me and the students achieving well in all areas is always my main aim. Having worked alongside Mr Ali and you all for many years I promise to ensure that the high standards and expectations continue for all of our students"*

These are exciting times for our school and our community as we continue to grow in stature and reputation.

Yours sincerely

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