

20th July 2023

End of Term Update

Dear KAA Community,

As we come to the end of this academic year, I hope you feel it has been a successful one and - as I do - feel incredibly proud of the progress and endeavours of our KAA students. Before the school community embarks on the summer break, I wanted to write with two important updates.

Executive Principal

As you will be aware, our founding Principal, David Benson, is moving on from KAA in the Autumn term, to take a position as Headteacher of Mill Hill School. Mr Benson will now be starting with Mill Hill in November, not January as we previously planned, but that still leaves plenty of time before then to offer our thanks and to recognise the huge impact he has made to our local community.

This term we ran an extensive search for a new Executive Principal, with a focus on finding an experienced Head who could lead the evolution of the academy into its next stage. I was grateful to all students, staff and trustees (including parent trustees) who supported this process. Regrettably we were not able to find someone ideal for the role on this occasion, so will be renewing our search in the autumn.

Trustees remain focused on ensuring maximum continuity and stability for students, and we are delighted to announce that Anna Jordan, our current Head of School, will take over from Mr Benson as our new Interim Principal after he departs. As many of you know, Anna is an experienced school leader who has been with KAA since its inception in 2014, and has been central to all the school's success. With Anna at the helm, supported by our excellent SLT, MLT and wider staff team, we are confident that the school can go on to even greater heights. I know everyone will join me in congratulating Anna and wishing her all the best in this important role.

Parent Trustee

Thank you also to everybody who participated in the Parent Trustee Election in recent weeks. There was a strong field of candidates and we are grateful for the interest parents have shown in joining the board and helping shape the future of KAA. The ballot via 'Choice Voting' closed at 12pm on Monday 10th July and the votes were counted at 4.15pm by the Returning Officer, Anna Machin (Clerk), in the presence of two witnesses. The elected candidate is Siobhan Ali – my congratulations to her.

Yours faithfully,



Paul Fletcher,
Chair, KAA Trustees