



Fairlands Middle School

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Dear Parents and Carers

We have reached that point in the year when it is time to say goodbye and wish colleagues who are leaving us all the best for their future. Today we say goodbye to Neil Jones and Georgie Seymour who have been with Fairlands for the last year. We also say goodbye to Declan Murphy and Emma Fayers, who have provided integral support in their leadership roles at Fairlands for six and seven years respectively. Debbie Andrews and Julie Lench from the Operations team will also be leaving us today after a huge 29 years of combined service. They have been paramount in keeping the school moving forward each day and we thank them for their endeavours. Finally, huge congratulations to Sally Virgin who has worked at Fairlands for nearly 31 years. Sally, we thank you for the care and compassion you have shown as Head of Year, as well as the musical joy you have always brought to the school.

In September we welcome Harry Holmes – Faculty Leader for Maths, Helen Nicholson – Year 6 teacher and Sam Dunford – teacher of Year 5 and KS3 Pastoral Lead. We also welcome Richard Wassall who will be undertaking a joint role delivering music at both Fairlands and Kings Academy. In the Operations Team, Millie Lewis will take the role of Operations Officer and we welcome Ann-Marie Khan to the post of Operations Manager. We also very much look forward to Rebecca Bennett taking up the helm as Headteacher in September.

The best of luck to colleagues who are leaving us as well as the new recruits. Enjoy the summer, stay safe and we look forward to the next academic year.

Yours sincerely

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