



Heathfield School Ascot

1st September 2017

Dear Parents

I hope you are enjoying these last few days with your daughters and we are all busy here preparing for next week. We can't wait to see all of you again.

Further to my letter of 23rd August, I would like to introduce you to our new teaching staff who will be joining Heathfield for this academic year. As a previous Director of Studies I am fully aware of how vitally important good teaching is and I am therefore very pleased to be welcoming to Heathfield the following permanent members of staff. They are all highly qualified, experienced staff and I welcome each of them to our community.

Our Science department has gone through considerable changes over the last few years and so I am pleased to announce that we have appointed three permanent new members to join our Science team. Mr John Lawson will be Teacher in Charge of Physics. He has a Physics with Astrophysics degree from Kent University, and then went on to Leeds to accomplish both MSc Nanoscale Science and Technology and a PGCE in Physics. John will be joining us from The Winston Churchill School where he was a Subject Leader of Science for three years, leading a large successful Science department.

We also welcome Mrs Lauren Steer, who will be Teacher in Charge of Chemistry. Lauren was previously Head of Science at Tech City College in London. She has a degree in Chemistry with Forensic Analysis from Reading University and a PGCE from Greenwich.

Finally, Mrs Allison Ellis will be joining us from Reddam House (previously Bearwood College) where she was Head of Year 11 including teaching chemistry and biology. Allison has a degree in Human Movement Studies (including Science) from Bedford College of PE. With extensive experience of working with Year 11, Allison will be taking on the post of Deputy Head of Sixth Form and Teacher of Science.

Under the continued leadership of Ms Clare Wells, we have every confidence that our new staff will inspire the girls as well as ensuring the continuity of approach.

In other areas of the school, we welcome Mrs Charlotte Fowler-Whale as Teacher of English and Highly Able/Scholarship Coordinator. Charlotte has a degree in English from Canterbury Christ Church; an MA in Comparative Literature from Kent and gained her PGCE in English at Reading University. Her previous role of Teacher of English / Gifted and Talented Coordinator was at the Blessed Hugh Farringdon Catholic School in Reading.

Lastly, we welcome Mrs Lucy-Jane Halcrow, who joins us as Subject Leader in Drama. She has previously taught at Prior's Field School in Surrey where she was Teacher of Drama, Head of Dance and Head of House. Lucy-Jane has extensive knowledge as an examiner in Drama, which will prove very useful preparing our girls for their examinations. She attended Royal Holloway University to

obtain her degree in Drama and Theatre Studies and went on to the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama in London for her PGCE.

I look forward to welcoming you all back next week.

Very best wishes

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Marina Gardiner Legge". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Marina" being the most prominent.

Mrs Marina Gardiner Legge
Headmistress

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