



# PURCELL PARENT NEWSLETTER

16th November 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I wanted to inform you of some anticipated staff changes, most of which will come into effect either at Easter or September of next year.

## Deputy Principal

As some of you are already aware, Mrs Rayfield will be retiring from the position of Deputy Principal at Easter 2021 after many years of dedicated and committed service to

the School. I am pleased to announce that Mr Tom Burns, currently the Interim Deputy Principal, will continue as Deputy Principal to provide continuity. Mr Burns will be

responsible for the day-to-day running of the School with a particular focus on pastoral and wellbeing.

## Head of Boarding

Sadly for us, Mrs Malan will be taking early retirement at the end of the academic year to return to her native South Africa. As many of you will know, Mrs Malan has held the dual role of Head of Boarding and Houseparent of Avison and

many have benefitted from her care and support. From September 2021, Dr Brookes (currently Houseparent of Sunley House and Head of Science) will join Mrs Cooke and Mr Bicknell on the Avison team as Houseparent.

We are therefore advertising for a Head of Boarding for September 2021 which will then become a stand-alone, dedicated role focussed on leading, supporting and developing the whole of the boarding experience.

## Sunley House and New Boarding House

Also sadly for us, Miss Tagoe will be leaving at East 2021. Miss Tagoe originally came to the School for two terms in January 2020 and was persuaded to stay a little longer to help us establish a new house team and introduce some new initiatives within the house. Having done so, she now moves on to a

senior role in another school. We are therefore currently advertising for a new, full-time, non-teaching houseparent for the New Boarding House. The move to a non-teaching houseparent recognizes the busy and demanding realities of running a large house with a large house team. It will enable the new incumbent to

dedicate themselves wholly to the pastoral care of the house and its students.

We are also advertising for a new Houseparent for Sunley House in light of Dr Brookes's move to Avison. This role will also be a non-teaching role and will be focussed solely on the House.

Whilst it is always a little unsettling when staff move on, it remains a reality of any school and we are confident of making some strong appointments. As always with teaching and pastoral roles, senior students will have a voice in the appointment process.

I hope you find this information useful and will keep you informed of further developments.

With all good wishes,

Paul Bambrough, Principal