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Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

I hope you and your families have enjoyed a restful and happy Easter break.

I am very pleased to let you know today that we have appointed Steve Parsons as the new substantive headteacher to lead Holland Park School from this September. Mr Parsons will replace Arwel Jones, who has done – and continues to do – such an excellent job in an interim capacity since February when Colin Hall brought forward his retirement.

Mr Parsons is a very experienced and exceptionally able school leader who has been the headteacher of the very successful Langley Park School for Boys in Beckenham, south east London, since 2013. He was selected from a very strong field of candidates.

Mr Parsons has been in teaching for more than 20 years, having done a PGCE at the Institute of Education following the completion of a History Degree at Kings College London in 1996. He worked at schools in Hammersmith and Fulham, where he was both a Head of Year and a Head of Department, before moving to Greenwich to take up his first senior role as an Assistant Headteacher. Prior to moving to Langley Park he worked for seven years as a Deputy Headteacher at a large comprehensive school in Lambeth.

We are delighted that Mr Parsons will be joining the school and he is very much looking forward to getting started and to meeting you all, the staff team and of course your children. I know you will join me in giving him a very warm welcome come September. Please do let me know if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully,



Jane Farrell
Chair of Governors