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Dear Parents and Students,

Last week Emma Bryson, Head of King's School in Germany, was interviewed and appointed as Principal of St John's School. I thought you would be interested to know the process linked to the appointment as I know that many of you have been very impressed with the leadership of the school that Alex Kerr has provided over the last year. There is currently a significant amount of change within MOD Schools in the lead up to Germany Drawdown in Summer 2019 with many teachers, and indeed Principals, being at risk of redundancy. Staff at all levels in closing schools are awarded priority mover status to assist them in finding alternative employment as many wish to stay within the MOD Schools organisation. This means that those at risk of redundancy in closing schools are given consideration and are interviewed before anyone not at risk of redundancy. In the case of St John's School there were eligible applicants from closing schools, as a result of which we will have an experienced Principal arriving to lead St John's for the next academic year, 2019/20.

Alex will continue in her role as Acting Principal until Emma arrives and, as always, will do her very best for the students. She continues to enjoy leading St John's School, especially seeing the students flourish under her care and working alongside such a dedicated team of staff. The School have very much built a community where everyone is 'in it together' and this extends to the support received from parents and the wider community. Alex is passionate about working with students to ensure they are happy and healthy, make excellent progress in their learning and grow into genuinely lovely young people and she will continue to do this when she returns to her previous role as Vice Principal in charge of Teaching and Learning.

Please be assured that the school will continue to progress under Alex's strong leadership until Emma arrives. The students' learning remains our priority and we aim to ensure that the change is managed to minimise uncertainty; this letter is the first step in that process.

Yours sincerely



Max Davison
SGC Chair

