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# ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is with great pleasure and honour that I write to you as the new Headteacher of St John's School. Having worked for MOD Schools for over six years now, previously the Headteacher at King's School in Germany, I know the school, our context and Service children really well and we have a lot to celebrate here at St John's: we are a great place to be and a place to be great. We are a unique community where learning and leadership ensures excellence for all: excellence meaning we all exceed our expectations and go on to achieve more than we could have imagined.

As you may have already heard, we are returning to school having secured fantastic results in the summer. Our Key Stage 4 figures have smashed the national statistics by more than 20% as a whopping 64% of students attained a grade 5 (strong pass) in both English and Maths. Results are equally strong at Key Stage 5 with a 100% pass rate – a huge well done to all.

My educational philosophy is simple: "never accept mediocrity" and I expect this from students, from staff and from parents. I will write to you again in October with details of our school priorities and action plans and will keep you updated on our progress throughout the year. It is very important to me that all members of the community are aware of our aims so they can support us and hold us to account: you are our critical friends and I welcome feedback from you at any time.

I will be spending the Autumn term observing 'business as usual' so I can understand what makes St John's School such a good school, identifying best practice so it can be shared across the whole school. I am teaching Year 7 Drama and this week have visited Year 11 in lessons to see how they are settling back into a new academic year. I have seen many examples of students actively engaged in their learning and am thrilled to see how well our students and staff support each other.

We welcome many new teaching and support staff to the St John's community: Tom Anscombe in RE; Annita Antoniadou in Science; Nikki Batey in the Sixth Form; Kelly Bonar in Geography; John Dunbar in Maths; Rebecca Gladwell in History; Nichola Robertshaw in Science and Ella Tarjanyi in P.E.

I am sure I will meet you all over the course of this year and look forward to us all working together to ensure excellence for all – not least ourselves.

Kind regards,

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Headteacher



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