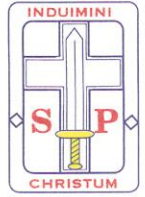


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Dear Parents,

We come to the end of a short Easter Term and at the same time to the end of a long and dedicated career of service.

Fionnuala Johnson has served as Headteacher of St.Paul's for over twenty-eight years, which is a phenomenal achievement by anyone's measure. That she has performed this role with such distinction and, above all, with such love and focus on the needs of the children in her care, makes this achievement all the more blessed. She has known every child in the school by name and has had a profoundly positive impact on hundreds of young lives. The next two days will be her last at this school and I ask each of you, in your own way, to give thanks for her time at St.Paul's and wish her well for the future.

The Governing Body of St.Paul's is delighted that Olivia DeMorais has agreed to assume the position of acting Headteacher at St.Paul's, as we continue to plan for the permanent succession to Mrs Johnson. I am sure you will all share in our delight at this. Mrs DeMorais has been an outstanding teacher, phase leader and member of the Senior Leadership Team. We are all looking forward to working with her next term.

St.Paul's has made a few notable strides forward in recent months, which I am only too pleased to be able to share with you:

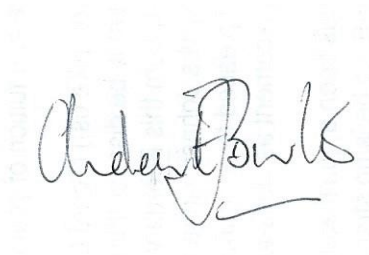
- Our year 6 pupils continue to be successful in gaining entry to some of the best secondary schools in the country: the 2018 offers are now published and the majority of our year six children have chosen Salesians, St. Andrew's, Ursuline or Holy Cros - all Catholic schools ranked Outstanding by OfSTED, and topping national league tables, as their destination schools. Others have secured access to prestigious schools including St George's, Tiffin Boys, RGS, LEH, Whitgift, Surbiton High, Epsom College, Hampton, Tormead, KGS, Reeds, Halliford and Claremont;
- We have secured feeder school status into Esher High School from 2019, thereby guaranteeing a secondary school place for any of our non-Catholic pupils who are unable to get into Salesians;

- St.Paul's attracted a record 151 applicants (with 59 first preferences) for our 60 Reception places this year, testament to the school's reputation and profile in our community and our inclusive outlook and attitude;
- Governors have been successful in finally securing £2,500 of EU Carbon Trust capital grant funding to help install LED lighting throughout the school this Easter, reducing our energy bills and related carbon use by 50%, with projected savings of £3,500p.a.;
- We have also secured an LCVAP grant fund again from the Diocese to fund 90% of £81,000 of works over the summer. These include (i) the refurbishment of both infant and junior toilets; (ii) the reconfiguration of the junior toilets giving direct playground access (which we were unable to fully fund last year) and (iii) a number of smaller but important health and safety related projects.

There are many factors that have come together to bring about this fantastic progress. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a committed parents' association – the importance of SPPA and its fund-raising to the school and its contribution to the community cannot be overstated. We would like to pay tribute to Julie O'Brien for having served as SPPA Chair for several years, staying in this post until a willing successor could be found. I am sure you will all join me in thanking Julie for her hard work, the whole of SPPA present and past for their dedication and also to Lisa Lines who has taken on the SPPA Chair role from Julie this term.

Lastly, thank you to all of the staff of St.Paul's for their care for our children, their professionalism, and their continuing commitment to their vocation and to you parents – for partnering positively with the school to achieve the best outcome possible for your children - and for your volunteering and financial support which make St.Paul's and its community so special.

Happy Easter and God Bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Burton', is centered on the page. The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial 'A'.

Andrew Burton
Chair of Governors, St.Paul's School
On Behalf of the Governing Body of St.Paul's

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