

5 January 2022

**Dear Parents and Carers** 

I hope you have all had a very enjoyable Christmas.

As you know, our Executive Headteacher has responsibility for both The Mountbatten School and its trading subsidiary, Personal Best Education (P.B. Ed). The school goes from strength to strength with admissions data showing increasing numbers of parents naming it as their first-choice school. Personal Best, meanwhile, has taken on work with neighbouring counties to deliver a range of government programmes for teenagers. We are also looking forward to developing international programmes in the forthcoming years.

All of the above is really exciting development. In order to provide capacity for the continuing development of both the school and the business, the Board of Trustees has reached the decision to appoint a headteacher to solely focus on the development of the school. Mrs McIlroy will relinquish her Executive Headteacher role and become the Chief Executive Officer of The Mountbatten School and Personal Best Education, an entirely strategic role and one that will secure the future direction of both organisations. Mrs McIlroy will be working part time for three days from 2022-2023 and will then relinquish her school responsibilities to work part time in Personal Best Education for two days from 2023-2024, during which time she will be developing our international strategy.

We believe our school is unique in its wide range of academic and extracurricular activities available to students: the dynamic curriculum to which we recently introduced Mandarin; the wonderful Music and Sports Academies; and to complement these we have a Science Academy in its early planning stage. Developing young people of integrity who are able to confidently pursue their dreams and ambitions is the cornerstone of our school. We intend to find the best headteacher we possibly can, and to do so, we shall advertise the position nationally.

Mrs McIlroy has explained the above adjustment to staff in this morning's Leadership Briefing. It is hoped that a new headteacher will be appointed and ready to formally take up the role from 1 September 2022.

I will keep you informed of our progress.

Yours sincerely

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