



THE MOUNTBATTEN SCHOOL

1 September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back! A new term starts and a time for new beginnings as we welcome our Year 7 students to the school; and, for me too, as the school's new Headteacher.

For many of you, I am a familiar face. I have served the school for the last 12 years as the Senior Deputy Headteacher and I have had the privilege of teaching your children. You may also have seen me out and about in Romsey. As a local resident of over twenty years, I am proud to be leading the school which sits in the town where my wife and I chose to make our home (and which was also her school as a child too!).

As you know, the school has an outstanding reputation, stunning facilities and a great curricular and extra-curricular offer. As a musician, I am proud of the school's Music Academy and the joy our students' music brings to the town. I am proud too of the success that our youngsters bring in their endeavours whether that be sporting, creative or academic. This is what makes Mountbatten special and I am sure that you will have heard parents talk about the 'M Factor': that undefinable quality that makes the students and the school so unique.

The school has a bright future and I look forward to developing the range of opportunities available to our young people to enrich their lives and prepare them for the roles that they will play in their adult lives. We know that the world is changing. My task is to make sure that each and every child is equipped with a range of experiences to embrace a global outlook, international working and service to their community. We need to create the leaders of tomorrow and the designers of the solutions to tackle the sustainability agenda. We need to nurture a generation who have tolerance, empathy and kindness at their heart to create harmonious communities and celebrate cultures. And today is the day I start this new adventure along with you. Working together, parents, students and the school, we can achieve this. Working in partnership, we are powerful.

I will make it my mission to make sure that our young people are nurtured to become happy, fulfilled people who find interest in their work and joy in their lives.

I look forward to meeting you at many of our events in the future.

Yours sincerely

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