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12<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

## Re: Leadership at Hayes School

I am writing to inform you that, from September, I will be assuming the role of Executive Headteacher at Hayes School, due to taking on the role of Headteacher at Langley Park School for Girls (a school within our trust). The Executive Headteacher is responsible for the strategic position of the school and overseeing the Head of School, who will have day to day management responsibility.

Whilst I am excited and look forward to meeting and leading the community of Langley Park School for Girls, working with the students, staff, families and governors; it is inevitably with much sadness that I will be stepping away from my current day-to-day involvement as Principal at Hayes. This is a remarkable school community and one in which I have grown and developed as a teacher, leader and person. I never cease to be amazed by the achievements of our students, the commitment of our staff and governors, as well as the opportunities and experiences all engage with.

Like so many other members of Hayes staff, many of whom are long-serving, Hayes School runs through my veins. I joined the school almost 25 years ago and was appointed Head of School in 2012 and Principal in 2016.

In a similar arrangement to that adopted by our school in 2012, I am delighted to confirm that Miss Thompson will be Head of School from September and I will be supporting in the role of Executive Headteacher. Having joined us as an experienced Vice Principal, with experience in UK and overseas schools, Miss Thompson has led in so many areas at Hayes and been instrumental in the day-to-day management and development of our school in her current role as Senior Vice Principal and over the last six years.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the confidence and trust you have shown and given to me as Principal and for the support you give to me, the staff and our school.

I know that Miss Thompson and the Senior Leadership Team will be supported by the Hayes School community and look forward to both seeing and supporting Hayes to go from strength to strength (even if I have not yet worked out what to do when Hayes and Langley Park School for Girls are competing against each other in school sport!)

Yours faithfully,

S J Whittle, Principal



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