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25th March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I write to you as we end the Spring Term to pass on some further details in relation to the resignation of David Pearce at Brandles School. I will pass on my thanks to David at an appropriate time towards the end of the summer term. However this letter is pass on details of what Trustee's have agreed to do in relation to successor appointment at Brandles.

As the time frame for appointing a new Headteacher for September is incredibly tight, The Trustee's have elected to appoint Paul Smith to Acting Headteacher for a period of two terms, whilst a national advertisement campaign can be conducted, leading to interviews and appointment by the end of January 2022. Paul is an experienced Deputy Headteacher and has all of the attributes needed to ensure Brandles maintains its current trajectory of improvement, and ensure it is (at the very least) a good school in all areas. Paul has accepted this post and it would formally start from September 2021. He would have dedicated support from Sean Trimble (Executive Head) and Pierre Van der Merwe from Larwood.

Due to the change above there will also be some other changes, which will take place across the Trust. Mr Trimble will continue in his strategic role of Executive Headteacher. The changes include:

- Mr Van becoming Acting Head at Larwood, enabling Mr Trimble to provide support and direction for the Trust in the areas needed most. He will continue to be based at Larwood School.
- Ian Reid and Natalie Wilshire will act up as Deputy Heads at Brandles, with Bianca Osobu acting up as Deputy Head at Larwood. There will also be the need to appoint a new Assistant Head at Larwood.
- Additional teaching staff will be recruited where needed to support the changes above, and this will also enable the ability to create middle leadership roles at Brandles.

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Although change always presents with some degree of challenge, it always creates new opportunities. The Trust looks forward to its next phase of its evolution, and working with incredible staff, pupils, parents and Trustee's that remain dedicated to enabling the creation of the best possible experiences for our pupils.

Yours sincerely

S D Trimble

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