



19<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing to update you about our staffing from September 2020.

As the end of the academic year nears, it means that we will be saying goodbye to some of our colleagues, who are all off to pastures new:

**Mrs Kirwan**, as a member of the Senior Leadership Team, she has done a fantastic job as our SENDCO, Science Lead and Safeguarding Lead for several years. We wish her every success in her new post; her new school's gain is very much our loss.

**Mr Zell**, also a member of the Senior Leadership Team. Even though he has only been with us a short time, he has had a big impact and I know that we will all miss him. We wish him all the very best for the future.

**Mrs Smith**, who started with us as a PE teacher but moved into maths, to follow her passion. She started at JoG in 2008 and throughout her years with us, she has been committed to raising standards in maths and supporting all her students, individually. It will be odd not to see her around but she is joining St John's, so hopefully, we can still enjoy working with her, from time to time. She leaves with our heartfelt thanks and our very best wishes for her new job.

**Mr Clapton**, who is off to teach in Egypt and start a new adventure. We thank him for his work as a geography teacher and Progress Leader and hope that he will enjoy his new job and this fabulous destination.

**Mrs Simpson**, who has decided to leave teaching for a while and try something different. We thank her for all that she has done and for her contributions to the science department.

**Mrs Whiting**, who returns to the Brighton area. We are grateful for all that she has done and for her dedication and hard work. We wish her every success in her new job.

**Mrs Clapton**, who is taking up a new post in Wiltshire. We wish her every success in the future.

**Mrs Bickers**, who agreed to step in and support the Humanities department for a year. Our best wishes go with her, as she starts a new job in September.

**Miss Jones**, TA, who is moving on to nursing. Her gentle manner and kindness to students make her the perfect candidate for this new career. We wish her every happiness in her new job.

**Mrs Riggs**, HLTA, who left us, came back and is now moving on, to start a new career too. We thank her and wish her good luck for the future; she has done so much for our students.

We are; however, very fortunate to have recruited outstanding colleagues who will join us in September:

**Mr Kerry** – Geography teacher

**Mrs Clarkson** – English teacher

**Mrs Trafford and Mrs Wakeham-Thomas** – Technology teachers

**Mrs Spearing-Ewyn** – Science teacher

**Mr Dziubinski** – he will cover Computing / IT until Mrs Terry's return

**Miss Quigley** – Faculty Leader (English/ Music/ Drama); she joins us from St John's

**Mr Hammond** – Faculty Leader (MFL and Humanities); he joins us from St John's

**Mrs Perez Luna** – Faculty Leader (Science)

**Mr Ben McKevitt** – Faculty Leader (PE)

**Mrs Francis** - TA

**Mr Smith**, currently in charge of PE, is joining our Senior Leadership Team, in charge of Behaviour and Welfare.

**Miss Harris and Mrs Seabrook** have been appointed as Y8 and Y9 Progress Leaders, respectively. Mrs Seabrook will lead Year 9 until Miss Eggbeer's return.

We are truly excited to welcome all our new colleagues in September and hope that they can have as normal a start with us, as will be allowed. We will, of course, keep you updated when we know more.

Take care and stay safe everyone.

Kindest regards,



**Mrs C Walker**  
**Vice Principal**