



SIR THOMAS FREMANTLE SCHOOL

A CO-EDUCATIONAL SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS AGED 11-19

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Dear Parents and Carers,

In my role as Chair of Governors of Sir Thomas Fremantle School, I am writing to inform you that Neale Pledger, our Headteacher has decided to take up a role outside of main-stream school education. Neale has ensured the continued success and development of our school, its staff and students, including leading the school through the pandemic and making the best of a challenging situation.

We are confident that the school is now in a great place to continue this work. We have fantastic staff and brilliant students. We are proud to be part of a school that continues to be over-subscribed and that is highly regarded within the local community.

As you know, we have some changes ahead as a school as we transition to becoming KS3 & 4 focussed and lots to do over the coming term to ensure that our current group of students achieve as well as those who have gone before. I can assure you that we are all completely focussed on making this happen and, whilst a change of Headteacher can be unsettling, we will be focussed on ensuring that we continue to provide the great education that you, as parents and carers, would expect from us.

The governors are determined to ensure that we have a period of stability as we plot our way through any potential changes. We have formed a committee tasked with the recruitment process for a new Head Teacher and engaged the services of an education recruitment specialist. We will be looking for a strong candidate to take over the position of Head and expect to attract great candidates.

In the meantime, we wish to highlight that Neale will continue to lead the school until the end of the Summer term, and that school life will continue as usual.

On behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to thank Neale for his hard work, commitment and dedication to the achievements and progress of the students at Sir Thomas Fremantle School. We wish him all the best in his new role and we hope you will join us in expressing our thanks.

Yours faithfully,

Sarah Driscoll
Chair of Governors

