

Wednesday 22nd May 2019

Dear Parent / Carer

We sadly announced earlier in the year that Nick Bradwell will be retiring in August 2019. I am now absolutely delighted to let you know that we have appointed a new Chief Executive for Tandridge Learning Trust, who will be joining us for September.

Rebecca Plaskitt is a highly experienced educational leader with an impressive track record of helping schools to grow, improve and perform at a high level. She is currently Director of Education at GEMS Education, which is an International chain of independent schools, providing strategic leadership and oversight of 22 schools in the UK.

Prior to that, she set up a brand new 3 – 18 British Curriculum school in Dubai. As Founding Principal she was responsible for everything from the planning stage to full school opening. The school was a huge success, growing to 3,200 pupils within three years.

Before joining GEMS, Rebecca was Headteacher of a maintained primary school in Nottingham. She worked as a Local Leader in Education and as a Professional Partner for the National College in the UK. She is committed to continuing personal development, and is in the final stages of completing a Masters in Educational Leadership and Management.

We had 15 strong applications for the CEO role, from which we shortlisted and interviewed four people, across a two day process involving many stakeholders from the school and broader educational community as well as two Year 6 children from Woodlea and two Year 9 children from Warlingham (all brilliant participants and great adverts for the fantastic work that we do across all of our schools).

The Trust Board was immensely proud that the candidates commented on how well they thought that everyone whom they met demonstrated that we live and breathe our shared values of Kindness, Honesty, Commitment and Respect.

As those participating in the process will attest, Rebecca's quiet authority, calm demeanour, engaging personality and sense of humour – and her ability to engage with the children – gave us great conviction that she will fit in well at Tandridge Learning Trust.

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Nick Bradwell is a tough act to follow. We all have immense respect and affection for him and we'll miss him enormously. The phenomenal work that he has done to lay the foundations of the Trust, and to forge strong and mutually supportive working relationships across the Trust, will provide a really sound base on which we can build for the future.

Rebecca will bring a different perspective, a fresh pair of eyes, a new network of contacts and some exciting ideas to the Trust. As full time CEO, with no Executive Head responsibilities, she will have a little more time to dedicate to making Tandridge Learning Trust the great success that we all know it can be.

We couldn't be more pleased that she is going to be joining us, and we will very much look forward to introducing her properly to you in September.

Kind regards



Karen Quinton

Chair of Trust Board, Tandridge Learning Trust