



# CANSFIELD

ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE TOGETHER

3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020

Dear parents and carers,

I wanted to give you a brief update on some staffing news. Last year Jackie Jones informed me of her intention to retire this Easter. I think it goes without saying that Jackie has been an inspirational colleague and she has served our school and our community with distinction. Over the last 38 years she has been the bedrock of the school pastoral system ensuring that our students are safe and feel cared for and in the last two years she has been a central part of the team that led the school to achieve a Good judgement from Ofsted and some of the highest grades in the school's history.

The notice Jackie has given me has meant that we have been able to prepare in good time for a transition of roles and responsibilities. Following a rigorous interview process we have appointed Nici Daniels (currently a Senior Assistant Headteacher) as our new Deputy Headteacher. As a consequence of this move we have then appointed Dave Forshaw (currently Head of Humanities) as our new Assistant Headteacher and Craig Lomas (currently Second in Humanities) as our new Head of Humanities. All individuals will step up formally to their new roles after Easter, though we are having a phased handover of roles and responsibilities up till this point. I am delighted that all of these promotions have been internal, proof of the quality and calibre of the team at Cansfield.

During her 38 years of service at Cansfield Jackie has supported countless families. When I started at the school I was struck by the number of parents and (to Jackie's embarrassment!) grandparents of current pupils that she had taught. While we are all supportive of Jackie enjoying a very well earned retirement, we equally want to give her the send-off that she deserves. We have various parties and dinners planned throughout next half term, but the final farewell will be an assembly at 2pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. I am well aware that many of you will want to see Jackie to say farewell and will catch her over the next couple of months. If you would like to attend this assembly you are more than welcome to do so. We anticipate that the assembly will last for no more than 30 minutes. If you, or anyone you know, would like to attend the assembly please email my PA, Karen Smith, no later than Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March to confirm your attendance ([k.smith@cansfield.wigan.sch.uk](mailto:k.smith@cansfield.wigan.sch.uk)). If you would like to share any particular anecdotes or messages that I will try to include in the assembly then please email direct with them ([g.baker@cansfield.wigan.sch.uk](mailto:g.baker@cansfield.wigan.sch.uk)).

As always, thanks for your continued support.

Best wishes,

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