



## King's Academy Ringmer

5 April 2019

Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome to the end of term Governors' newsletter.

### Appointment of a new Principal

We are pleased to announce that we appointed a new Principal yesterday.

Students, parents, community members, staff, trustees and governors all took part in the interview process to ensure that we appointed someone who was able to gain the confidence of all the school's stakeholders. Many thanks to all who gave up time to take part in the process.

It was a pleasure to see so many strong candidates, but we needed to be sure we had someone who was right for King's Academy Ringmer.

We have appointed Ms Sian Williams, who comes to us from the Chichester Free School, a school that she was involved in building from scratch and which enjoys good academic standards. We are confident that she will continue the improvement in standards started by Mr Hillier and KGA; will inspire and motivate our staff team; and will continue to build links with the community and grow our school.

We were very impressed with Ms Williams' passion for improving the lives of students; her dedication to her vocation as a teacher; her appreciation of the many different aspects of Ringmer life; her commitment to building relationships with Ringmer staff and her exciting and energetic vision for an Academy full of dramatic, sporting, musical and academic opportunities.

We are looking forward very much to Ms Williams starting with us in September.

It is very important that parents/carers and the local community get the chance to meet Ms Williams at the earliest possibility. We would therefore like you to join us to meet Ms Williams and also Nick Cross, King's Group new CEO (further information detailed at the end of this newsletter) at an introduction evening at the school on Thursday 9 May 2019 at 6.30pm. We will be providing refreshments on arrival.

### Aladdin

Congratulations to everyone involved in this production. Several of us came to the performance and we were impressed by the confidence and skill of the performers, the staging and the commitment of all the students who were helping around the scenes, taking tickets and supervising the tombola. We enjoyed some excellent singing and some memorable character acting!

A big thanks to Miss Williams and Ms Urquhart for such an amazing show.

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## **MAT Inset Day**

Governors and staff from across the MAT all met at Lyndhurst School in Portsmouth for a joint Inset Day at the beginning of Term 4. We chose training workshops on different subjects, and I learned about the benefits of being a Green School from our very own Steve Green, and how to go about this. Among other things, we also heard about what it is like being at the King's Schools abroad, and we were presented with the results of the annual KGA staff survey. We were pleased that staff see Ringmer as a good place to work, with especially positive feelings around their relationships with colleagues and the fact that Ringmer is a good place for children to attend. Many thanks to Di Smith and Amanda French for masterminding such an informative and enjoyable day.

## **King's Group CEO appointment**

King's Group invited all the Principals and governors from across the chain to take part in our recruitment for a Chief Executive Officer. I became very familiar with the journey to King's Academy in Binfield, as we had three goes at the appointment, determined as we were to get the right appointment. We definitely feel that we have this in our new CEO, Nick Cross. In his career, Nick has been a Headteacher, a senior leader within a Multi-Academy Trust, and a senior leader at PIXL, a national organisation that helps schools improve their standards. He is knowledgeable, approachable and a good listener.

Nick starts with KGA on 23rd April. Please come along to the introduction evening on 9 May at 6.30pm so you get the opportunity to meet Nick Cross and also Ms Williams, our new Principal.

Yours faithfully

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Chair of Governors

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