



St. Joseph's Roman Catholic High School

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To all staff, pupils and parents/carers,

I am writing to you on behalf of the school Governors to let you know what will happen when Mr Woods leaves us at Easter to take up his new position as headteacher of a school in Cheshire. We will of course be extremely sorry to say goodbye to Mr Woods. We have been delighted with the progress made under his leadership; he has ensured the integration of Gospel values across all subjects, and in our relationships, whilst maintaining a sharp focus on improving teaching and learning for the benefit of all our pupils. We wish Mr Woods well in his new role, and ask for God's blessings on him and his family.

Shortly before Christmas, Governors held interviews to find Mr Woods' replacement. We are very pleased to let you know that we appointed Mr McCabe who will be joining us on 1st May to take up his post as our new headteacher. Mr McCabe is fully committed to our very special catholic community here in St Joseph's. He is an RE teacher, and has always taught in catholic schools. He is already part of our school community, being a parent of children both here and at one of our associated primary schools and is an active member of Sacred Heart parish.

Mr McCabe has asked me to pass on the following statement:

I am thoroughly delighted to be given the opportunity to serve the community of St Joseph's as headteacher. It is a true privilege to lead such a dedicated team in transforming the life chances of the young people in our care. I have always felt an affinity with the community of St Joseph's and have experienced first-hand the warmth of the Christian ethos that people so often articulate. My experience of St Joseph's is that staff are always willing to go 'above and beyond' and every contact I have had with the school has made me feel like my children matter. I am keen for all parents to share in this experience and all the young people to become the best versions of themselves; the people God created us to be. My prayer is that we receive God's promise in Isaiah 40:31. That as our community "hope in the Lord, we will be renewed in strength, we will walk and not grow weary, we will run and never tire and that we will rise up on eagle's wings."

On behalf of the Governing Body

Patti Jones
Chair

