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Dear Parent

I am delighted to be able to inform you of some staff appointments that we have made over the last few weeks.

Many of you will be aware that Mr Whitehouse has left the school. We have appointed a new specialist, permanent teacher of ICT, Miss Watson, who will start with us in September 2017. Miss Watson excelled during the interview process and is already in regular contact with us as we plan to make a significant investment in hardware to revitalise our ICT facilities and delivery. Mrs Mason, who has helped us at short notice to cover in Mr Whitehouse's absence, will continue in this role for the rest of the academic year.

We are also pleased to welcome back Miss Burns from her maternity leave; she will be returning on a part-time basis, initially on 4 days a week from Easter.

Mrs Eccleston will be leaving us to go on maternity leave at Easter. Mrs Connelly (D&T teacher) will assume the role of SENCO from this time and we will cover Mrs Eccleston's lessons in the summer term with existing staff. This will mean some internal timetable changes after Easter, with Monday and Thursdays' lessons swapping over. Pupils will be given their new timetables before we break up, but please be reassured that their overall curriculum will not change. From September, we have appointed Miss Caws as a specialist; permanent teacher of D&T. Miss Caws joins us from training in Hampshire and is brimming with new ideas and suggestions to add to our D&T lessons.

We have also made two excellent appointments to our English teaching team, Miss Davies and Miss Felton. Both will be joining us as on a full-time basis from September, bringing additional strengths and expertise to further enhance our delivery in this key core subject area.

The most recent appointment we have made to the school is in the PE department. I am pleased to say that Mrs Davison will not be leaving us, but she will be teaching more PSHCE lessons next year, particularly in KS3. Miss Cox will start with us in the PE department in September as we look to further enhance our provision in both curricular and extra-curricular PE and sport.

Finally, we are also making some changes to our library. Mrs Hillier, who has been our librarian for over 30 years, has recently retired. We are delighted to have appointed Miss Burton as our new librarian. She is already making a number of positive changes, the most obvious being to recruit more pupil librarians, giving them ownership and responsibility in developing library use.

I am extremely excited by the potential of the new appointments we have made. We are determined to continually improve the quality of teaching and learning in the school and with the level of expertise that already exists, supplemented with our new appointees, I believe our provision will continue to be second to none!

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

