

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to let you know that with a heavy heart Mrs Inkster has informed me of her intention to resign from her post as Deputy Head at the end of the summer term. She told me that Mayfield is a unique and exceptional school and she has enjoyed working here tremendously, but the opportunity of a lifetime has arisen for Mrs Inkster and her family to re-locate to Canada and it really is too tempting to pass up. I am sure you will join me in wishing her every success in this most exciting venture.

On behalf of the pupils, parents, staff and governors, I would like to stress how much we appreciate Mrs Inkster's contributions to Mayfield over the past five years as Deputy Head, and the previous two years as Form I Teacher, Head of Humanities and Reading Leader. She has been most instrumental in maintaining the school's high academic standards, as shown by the great progress our pupils have made in our internal assessments, KS1 and KS2 SATs and senior school entrance examinations. She was also most influential in the very successful ISI inspection in December 2021.

I have greatly enjoyed working with Mrs Inkster. She has been a great support to me as a fabulous teacher and Head of Department, and of course as an outstanding Deputy Head. She has carried out her job with dedication, conscientiousness and a passion for teaching and learning. It has been both a joy and an inspiration to work with her.

The post of Deputy Head will be advertised shortly and we aim to recruit the best possible candidate to ensure that our children will continue to enjoy a world-class education here at Mayfield. I will announce the appointment of the new Deputy as soon as the recruitment process has been completed.

Best wishes,

Mr M. Draper

Headmaster