



Heathside School

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Update from Heathside

Dear parents, staff and all members of the Heathside community,

There is so much happening at Heathside at present that I wanted to share this short update with you.

Great Ofsted news

As many of you will already know, we had an Ofsted inspection across all six of our sites in January. We are delighted to report that we met all of Ofsted's requirements.

We are indebted to all our talented and committed staff for this success, but I would like to pass on my particular thanks to two staff members for their invaluable contributions - Ms. Dawn Moore, our new Designated Safeguarding Lead and Mr. Nick Shaw, our Head of Boarding. Ms. Moore has worked so hard to help all our pupils and staff feel fully confident about the safeguarding requirements. Mr. Shaw has done so much to foster a safe and happy environment for both boarders and day pupils alike. Thank you to them and to the entire staff team. It is a real privilege to have you working at Heathside.

The culture that the staff team continues to build at Heathside is that children come first. We are absolutely committed to providing every Heathside pupil with an empathetic, forward-thinking and rounded education, to nurture the growth of confident and talented young people. Underpinning this, of course, is the safety of each and every pupil, and we want every parent to know that this will always be our paramount priority. If you want to talk more about any aspect of safeguarding or what we are doing to place the safety and well-being of our pupils at the heart of everything we do, then my door is always open.

Our Governance and Safeguarding Advisory Board

Our Governance and Safeguarding Advisory Board now meets at least six times a year. I am immensely grateful for the support and expertise of all ten who join me on this important Advisory Board and who each offer a wealth of skills and experience encompassing strategic business, law, human resources, safeguarding, education and finance.

I want to take this opportunity to introduce you to them individually:

Dr Anna Burrage (Chair) – In her professional life, Anna is an eminent and highly successful strategy consultant and executive coach. Anna has also spent four years as a school governor including one and a half years as Chair of Governors at Highbury Fields School in North London. Anna enjoys yoga and walks on the Heath with her two children.

Radha Chakraborty (Vice-Chair) – Radha is Creative Director at Development Media International, an NGO that focuses on improving child health and cognitive development through TV, radio and mobile campaigns. After a mathematics degree at Imperial College, she qualified as a Chartered Accountant and Chartered Tax Advisor at PwC and worked at Shell as Global Head of Corporate Governance and Executive Remuneration and VP HR, Strategy and Marketing before becoming a Partner at HR consultancy Towers Perrin (now Willis Towers Watson). In her spare time she enjoys reading with her son, yoga and scriptwriting.

Imogen Brown – Imogen is a qualified solicitor and until recently was a senior lawyer in the Private Client Advisory team at Birketts LLP in Cambridge. She acts for individuals and families, trustees, and

beneficiaries, colleges and charities in relation to tax and estate planning, probate and legacies and all aspects of trust creation, management and dissolution. Imogen has a son at Heathside.

Robert Callow – Robert is an entrepreneur with 40 years commercial experience. Fifteen years ago, he left corporate life to create Spirit Entertainment, which has grown into the UK's largest independent home entertainment business. Robert advises a number of high-profile businesses on managed growth and mentors individuals to realise their full potential, but considers his most important role to be that of father to two lovely children.

Tahmineh Nassiri Chamalidis – Tami currently teaches at Southbank International School, specialising in language acquisition and development. She is a multi-lingual learning specialist who has worked and researched in schools in the United States, Japan, France and the UK. The diverse range of her experience qualifies her for identifying excellence in education. Tami has a son at Heathside.

Beverley Churchill – Beverley is the founder of her own place-making consultancy Churchill Husband Ltd. Based in both London and Hong Kong, Beverley and her partner advise land and property owners on growing value through a creative approach to the management and development of their commercial assets. Beverley's career in retail and real estate spans 25 years and included roles in the transformation of Selfridges and Covent Garden. Beverley has a son at Heathside.

Emily Konstantas – Emily is the founder and CEO of Aspire and The Safeguarding Alliance, working with independent schools both nationally and internationally empowering them to demonstrate and apply best safeguarding practice across the whole school community. Emily is practised in the requirements of both Ofsted and ISS inspection frameworks and sits on several governing bodies and advisory boards across the country.

Michael Oliveros – Michael is currently lead fund manager of the M&G Pan European Select Smaller Companies Fund. He is also deputy manager of the M&G Pan European Select Fund and M&G Global Select Fund. Michael previously worked at Credit Suisse USA for six years, three of these as equity market strategist and head of custom solutions in the HOLT group. He is a CFA charterholder.

Alex Smith – Alex is a Chartered Accountant who spent more than 20 years in senior roles for energy trading and retail companies in the UK, Switzerland and Germany. Alex is now working on several of his own projects outside the corporate world and his particular area of expertise is management in environments of rapid growth or change. Alex is the father of three young boys.

Barb Turk – Barb has been at Heathside for nine years, teaching Nursery, Yoga, and Computing before moving to Year 5 in January 2017. She has a keen interest in pastoral care for staff and students and has extensive experience with children's mindfulness. She served as a Parent Governor at Fleet Primary School from 2010 – 2015.

A personal thank you

As ever, I want to pass on my most sincere thanks to everyone who makes Heathside such a wonderful community. Of course, I want to thank all teachers and staff who work so hard to provide our pupils with an outstanding education and who, with our incredible pupils, create a nurturing and creative environment. I also want to thank all our families, and especially our parents, for always wanting the best for Heathside and for caring so passionately about our school. Together with you all, I am looking forward to the rest of 2019 and beyond.

Yours,

Melissa Remus
Heathside School Principal