



WOODBROOK VALE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Chair of Governors Announcement – our new Headteacher Rachael Fraser

As I'm sure you will know by now our Headteacher Gary Peat has been offered and accepted the headship of a large 11-18 school in Derbyshire starting after Easter. We wish him well in his new role and thank him for his huge contribution in helping make Woodbrook Vale School such a great place for children and young people in our community to learn and flourish.

I wrote to you earlier in January to say that governors had already started to recruit for our new headteacher and would be holding interviews later in February. We whittled down the list of all those who had applied to our top six candidates, and invited them to the interviews, which took place in the week before half term. During the two-day interview process we tested our chosen candidates using a variety of activities that showed their knowledge, skills and experience in key aspects of being a headteacher.

There were several very impressive candidates who I'm sure will be excellent Headteachers elsewhere, but as a result of this rigorous and rather demanding process I am extremely pleased to announce that we have asked Rachael Fraser to be the next Headteacher of Woodbrook Vale School, and that she has enthusiastically accepted.

Although Rachael is originally from the East Midlands she has spent much of her career in the South-West, beginning as an English teacher and then spending time as the Local Authority lead for Somerset in raising standards of English throughout the County. Several years ago she moved into a senior leadership role and progressed from Assistant Head to Deputy Head in different schools and then latterly to be Headteacher of a school which is part of a Multi Academy Trust.

I asked Rachael to share a few words in response to her appointment. She says, *"I am absolutely delighted to be joining the community of staff, students and parents / carers at Woodbrook Vale. There is no doubt in my mind that I am joining a unique place with students who are talented, thoughtful and full of a sense of social responsibility. I intend to do my utmost to contribute to the positive ethos at Woodbrook Vale and look forward to meeting you all in due course."*



Rachael will start at Woodbrook Vale School on Monday 03 June. I am sure that under her leadership Woodbrook Vale will carry on being a great place for the children in our community to be educated. I believe Rachael's breadth of experience and depth of insight will help us to continue to improve and become an even better school than we are now.

Kind regards,

Gavin C Brown

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Chair of Governors

