

Monday 2nd March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Principal Appointment**

I am delighted to let you know, that after a detailed process last week, the Governors have appointed Mrs Mariella Ardron to be the next Principal of the Chelsea Academy from September 2020.

Mrs Ardron has, since 2016, been Principal of the Springwest Academy, Feltham, a mixed comprehensive for 11 to 16-year-olds. The Academy is one of two Tudor Park Education Trust schools both on the same site, the other school delivering post-16 provision. She is responsible for both the day-to-day running of the school and the long-term strategic vision in the Trust's Executive team. For the 10 years prior to that she was at the same school, then called Feltham Community College and educating 11 to 18-year-olds, first as Assistant Head and then as Deputy Head.

She took a degree in Economic and Social History at the University of Bristol, followed by a PGCE at The University of Nottingham and an MA in Education Management at King's College London.

All the applicants were particularly impressed by the student interview panel, their maturity, poise and tricky questions! Mrs Ardron expressed how much she enjoyed spending time with staff and students in the Academy this week and how excited she is to be joining us at this point.

I am really delighted that this has come to such a successful conclusion.

With best wishes,



Sarah Sassoon  
Chair of the Governing Board