

## WELLINGTON COLLEGE ACADEMY TRUST

Dr Michael Milner has advised the trustees of Wellington College Academy Trust that he wishes to step down as Executive Principal on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017. Dr Milner was appointed the Principal of The Wellington Academy in September 2013 and he led the transformation of the school from being in need of improvement to good. He also oversaw the successful opening and the continued growth of Wellington Primary Academy since September 2014. The trustees are hugely grateful for all Dr Milner has achieved and for his commitment to the two schools and to the community. He will leave in August with the admiration and appreciation of the trustees, the local governors, the staff and the students.

The trustees are delighted to announce the appointment of Ms Abrilli Phillip, currently Head of Academy and Acting Head of Wellington Primary Academy, as Executive Principal of the Wellington College Academy Trust with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017. Ms Phillip started her teaching career in Tidworth and joined The Wellington Academy in April 2015 as Senior Vice Principal. As Executive Principal Ms Phillip will be the senior executive leader of Wellington College Academy Trust and will be responsible to the Board for the leadership and management of the schools in the Trust. As has already been announced Mrs Helen Donnelly takes up her appointment as Head of the Wellington Primary Academy on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017.

The trustees have also made the following appointments to reflect the planned growth of the two schools and the increasing links with the sponsor, Wellington College:

Mr Julian Thomas will succeed Mr Tim Bunting as Chairman of Wellington College Academy Trust on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017. Mr Thomas is Master (headmaster) of Wellington College. Mr Bunting will continue as a trustee. The Trust will be further strengthened by the appointment of Mr John Cloughton, a leading educationalist who recently retired as Headmaster of King Edward's School in Birmingham.

Mrs Sandra Weeks, Finance Director of Wellington College Academy Trust, is promoted to Director of Finance and Operations with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017.

These appointments reflect the growth and the ambitions of Wellington College Academy Trust. The trustees are delighted that their vision is shared by Wiltshire Council which has made a commitment to build a new teaching block at The Wellington Academy for £4.5 million. The plan is for the new building to be opened in 2019 in time for the increase in student numbers which will follow the military rebasing in Tidworth.