



THE WEBBER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians

I am writing to give you an update on staffing changes at The Webber Independent School over the upcoming half term.

It is with sadness that at the end of the term we will be saying farewell to Miss Mitchell who is relocating to Cornwall to be with her family.

In the last 3 years she has done a wonderful job extending the school's participation in the Independent Schools Association festivals as well as local, regional and national sporting events. Introducing new initiatives such a 'Run a Mile' which has helped to significantly increase our students' stamina and fitness and working in partnership with the Korfbal and Badminton elite have all helped to put Webber on the sporting map as a centre of sporting excellence.

Miss Mitchell has been a great advocate of developing physical literacy with our students and has been pivotal in building the strength and sporting success within school. We wish her well as she re-locates to this beautiful part of the world.

We have appointed an excellent and very experienced Head of PE, Mrs Katie Willis who will be taking over the leadership of the PE Team and the GCSE and A level Physical Education classes from Miss Mitchell. Mrs Willis brings an extremely strong skills set and extensive sporting expertise that will allow us to further widen the offering of sports for our young people.

Miss Mitchell will also be stepping down as Head of Sixth Form and I will be inviting internal applicants and appointing to this position in the coming weeks. This will allow ample time for a thorough handover period for Miss Mitchell to work with Mrs Willis and the new head of sixth form prior to her departure.

I am also delighted to welcome two lovely, very experienced and well qualified new colleagues in the Pre-Prep Team Miss Bethany Hart and Mrs Katrina Hager who will be working with our youngest learners.

Miss Townsend left us at the end of the half term to follow her passions for fundraising and charity work and has taken up a promoted post in an organization that works exclusively for children to ensure that every child and young person has the love, support and opportunity to reach their potential. We wish her well on her new career path.



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In the coming week I will be interviewing a very strong field of applicants to appoint and further extend the Pre-Prep Team as the school continues to grow.

I will keep you updated of all new appointments.

Please join me in welcoming our new colleagues to the Webber family and we look forward to working with them to further develop and grow our school.

Kind regards

Hilary B Marsden

Mrs H Marsden
Headmistress