



20th September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to introduce you to Yvonne Powell, who will be taking on the role of Executive Principal of Ark William Parker Academy - the position I have recently held at the school, while my role and title will change to Regional Director for Secondary Schools in Hastings and south London.

On a day to day basis, you will see no substantial change – Stephanie Newman will still be your first point of contact, continuing to be responsible for the running of Ark William Parker and setting the strategic direction of our school. What this means in practice is that we now have another dedicated and experienced senior educator on board, working to help us embed and further accelerate the academic progress we have made here at Ark William Parker.

Ms Powell is a very experienced school leader, who was recently awarded an OBE by the Queen for her services to education, and we are very lucky to have her as part of the team. She joins us part time, one to two days per week, while still acting as Principal of Ark Walworth Academy in London.

We are all proud of the substantial improvement we have seen this year in our GCSE results, but we also recognise that there is still more work to be done to achieve the high level of academic attainment we expect for our school. We have very high expectations indeed for Ark William Parker and we are not content to just get better – we are striving for excellence - and Ms Powell will be pivotal in helping us to get there.

I am sure you will join me in offering Ms Powell a warm welcome to our school community. We will be scheduling opportunities for students and parents to meet her via assemblies very shortly. In the meantime, should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Warm regards

Jane Fletcher
REGIONAL DIRECTOR