



June 2015

Dear Parent/Carer

Back in January, we met with many of you to explain our need to carry out a restructure of both Ark William Parker and Helenswood academies. The restructure is now complete and both academies have their new teams appointed ready for the start of the new school year. This was a very tough process for everyone involved, and I would like to acknowledge the high levels of commitment and professionalism displayed by all staff throughout both schools. The process has created sustainable financial positions for the future development and growth of both schools. Where possible, we have joined the resources of the two academies to make savings, whilst retaining the individuality of two single sex schools - an individuality to which Ark remains firmly committed.

In both academies we have appointed highly experienced staff to all leadership posts and we will be fully staffed across the curriculum. Mr Hatley and Mrs Monk will publish full staff lists at the beginning of the new term in September. However, I would like to draw your attention to certain key appointments.

Mr Hatley has now been appointed to the post of Principal at Ark William Parker. As you know, Mr Hatley has been Associate Principal since we opened the academy in September 2013 and has already played a significant role in securing progress across the academy. Mr Hatley brings with him a wealth of experience in school leadership and will continue our commitment to securing a great education for every Ark William Parker student.

Mr Hatley has made a number of new appointments to his senior team:

- Mrs Morris has been promoted to the role of Vice Principal
- Ms Kelly will be joining us from Midhurst and Rother College as Vice Principal
- Mr Olorunda will continue in his role as Assistant Principal
- Mr Burchell has joined us from Helenswood as Assistant Principal
- Mr Weakley also joined us from Helenswood as Assistant Principal

As you will already know, the Sixth Form will remain a joint provision, but all lessons will take place on the Ark William Parker site. James Hamilton, joining us from Sussex Coast College, will be taking up post as Head of Sixth Form in September. He will work with Ms Hacon and Mr Doherty who remain in post as Heads of Years 12 and 13.

As we are now planning the timetable for next year, we are confident that we have a strong staff team to deliver the excellent education that every Ark William Parker student is entitled to receive.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Phillips', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Mark Phillips  
**REGIONAL DIRECTOR**