



St Martha's

From the Headmaster

November 2016

Dear parents

As we draw towards the end of term I wanted to write and update you all concerning staffing. As you are aware Mrs Carpenter has been away from school for a few weeks now and whilst her classes have been covered internally I have appointed Ms Baird to cover Mrs Carpenter's timetable from Monday 28th November. Please know that the rest of the Art and Photography department will remain on hand to help, support and guide the pupils and students in their work alongside Ms Baird. Some of the pupils and students will know Ms Baird as she taught a number of them as part of the interview process.

As Mrs Carpenter is also our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Sister Teresa, as Deputy, has stepped in to take on this role in the absence of Mrs Carpenter. I am also incredibly grateful to Ms Harris who has also stepped in to lead Siena house in the absence of Mrs Carpenter.

The Classics and Latin classes have been disrupted considerably this term and I have written and spoken with parents about the difficulties we have had with this particular position. Concerning Classics, we are of course fortunate to have Mrs Fallon who also teaches the subject and it is my hope that the pupils and students have been able to make use of her skills and expertise. From Monday 28th November Mr Menelaou is joining the staff at St Martha's and will be our Latin teacher as well as work alongside Mrs Fallon in the Classics department. Again, a number of the pupils and students will have been taught by Mr Menelaou as part of the interview process.

May I please take this opportunity to thank you all for your support during this time, as I have explained in previous letters the situation is far from ideal and I recognise that the difficulties I have faced in filling this position are nothing compared to the impact it has had on your daughters learning. Additional classes will be put on in the first week of the Christmas holiday for those Classics and Latin students in 5th and 6th Form and I would encourage those in the lower year groups to make use of the subject clinics that operate every Thursday.

If you have any questions or queries about any of the arrangements please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Please know your support is very much appreciated.

Best wishes

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