

Governors' Summary – July 2018

This academic year has been an exciting one for the Senior School with a mixture of highs and lows and a considerable amount of change.

Governors have been working harder than ever on many facets of School life, largely via our standing committees, working groups, full governing body meetings, school visits and ongoing training.

The resignation of Ms Tanya White as our Head for the last 14 years was certainly a significant event and Governors were kept busy with finding and appointing her replacement Dr Andrew Morrison via a very robust and detailed selection process.

Building work on the school site was started and we are very much looking forward to the opening of the new block and the excellent facilities this will provide. This project has been slightly pushed back from its originally scheduled completion date of September 2019 but parents will be kept advised on progress. The catering facilities will also be revamped in time for the new school year but will remain as a work in progress until the new hall has been fully finished. Keeping disruption to a minimum is an absolute priority to ensure that Students Education is not adversely affected and this remains a priority until all the expansion works are completed.

The School Community was extremely saddened by the loss of Miss Katie Johnston, the School's Head of Music, at such a young age. Katie was always so enthusiastic and full of life and her memory and positive influence will I am sure be carried on in the lives of the many she touched.

There are many hard working, committed and conscientious individuals within our community who regularly go well beyond what could reasonably be expected of them in their day to day role. This year I was delighted to recognise and present special Governor awards for outstanding service to three amazing individuals; Rebecca Stillman, Des Carty and Emily Satterthwaite.

Dr. Andrew Morrison starts as our new Head in September and I am sure you will join me in welcoming him to Furze Platt Senior School. He brings with him a wealth of experience and will I am sure help drive the School forward in our next exciting stage of growth and development.

Gavin Tisshaw
Chair of Governors