



HAMPSTEAD SCHOOL

Learning together Achieving together

28th July 2021

Dear Parent/Carers,

I wanted to write a special letter to let the school community know that Heather Daulphin, our longest serving Deputy Head, is leaving Hampstead School at the end of this year. Heather will be drawing on thirty-seven years of experience in Inner-London schools to develop an already successful career in educational consultancy and leadership development.

Heather has been at Hampstead School for 29 years and is the longest-serving senior leader in Camden. I was lucky enough to benefit from her support and expertise as a new history teacher in 2006 and again as a new Headteacher in 2020. The whole school community – its staff, students and families – has benefitted from her sector-leading work on safeguarding, trauma-informed practice and continuing professional development. This has never been more apparent than in the last 12 months; Heather has been at the forefront of the school's COVID-19 response and has skillfully coordinated the work of our pastoral team and a range of external agencies to moderate the impact of the pandemic on students' mental health and wellbeing. New in role amidst an era-defining crisis, it was hugely reassuring for me to know that our students were benefiting from such a high standard of safeguarding provision.

I am sure you will join me in thanking Heather for her service to the school over almost three decades, and wishing her the very best in her future endeavours. We will miss you Heather.

Heather has recorded a video message for students and families – it can be viewed on the school website via this link:

<https://youtu.be/dowtOB6YKfK>

She has also written a farewell note and so I will now hand over to Ms Daulphin with a message for the students who have acted as the motivation and inspiration throughout her career.

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A message from Ms Daulphin

Dear families and friends,

I am leaving Hampstead School at the end of this academic year, so last week was my final week.



This has not been an easy decision however it's the right time for me to embark on a new chapter of my educational career whilst I'm still able to enjoy, achieve and make a difference. This decision comes after 29 years at Hampstead School. I have been privileged to have taught many subjects – History, Politics and Religious Studies. I have had a variety of leadership roles: Head of Social Sciences, Director of Post-16 and the acting Headteacher before Mr Szemalikowski started in 2006 and for the past 22 years as Deputy Head. Throughout this time, I have led important, life changing work. Always with the view of improving children's outcomes. I have loved every minute and found it rewarding.

I have had an amazing career here at Hampstead School. I have been fortunate to be in a large multi-cultural, girls and boys and forward-looking school. Teaching the subjects, I love, with and within the communities I love and imparting the values of fairness, equality, respect and kindness. I hold them so dear. This has been change-making. This is why I came into teaching. I have been inspired by you all, I am a stronger, better person for working with young people. Whilst I hope that I have inspired you, I know you have certainly inspired me. I am a Cricklewood/Wembley girl and it felt right that I should spend the best chunk of my career giving back to the very community from which I came.

After 37 years within this noble craft of teaching, I'm going to take up opportunities to finish off my work in school leadership and consultancy. Many wonderful children have passed through my classroom and leadership. Some are now famous novelists, footballers, some even work within education. Some noble as parents, partners and just lovely people getting by. I remember them and you all.

Students, I will stay in touch and look forward to hearing of your successes. I'll be watching and listening. I wish you all the very best for the future.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H Daulphin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Heather Daulphin