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Dear Parents and Carers

As you will know we will shortly be saying goodbye to our Headteacher, Jacques Szemalikowski, who has given sterling service to Hampstead School over the past 14 years. We wish Jacques all the very best for the future.

Governors are pleased to announce that we have recruited a new Headteacher who will start with us in September. Many of you may remember Matthew Sadler when he taught here. Matt has written a short biography so you know a bit about him before he joins us.

Matt Sadler began his teaching career at Hampstead School, starting on the same day as our current head, Jacques Szemalikowski. After cutting his teeth in Hampstead School's innovative history department, Matt gained Advanced Skills Teacher accreditation, leading work on effective classroom practice and the support programme for new teachers. He left NW2 in 2010 to become Assistant Headteacher at Chiswick School in Hounslow, taking charge of Sixth Form provision and the gifted and talented programme. He currently works at Carshalton Boys Sports College in Sutton, where he has been Deputy Principal for the past 7 years.

Matt lives in South London with his wife and two children. A third baby is due in August; it promises to be a busy few months!

Matt will soon be able to introduce himself to you, so please give him a big welcome to the school.

We would also like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Heather Daulphin, Deputy Head, for being willing to take on the role of Acting Head in the autumn term when it looked as if we would not be able to have a new full-time headteacher in place by September. We also thank Margaret Johnson, Director of Business Operations, and Heather Daulphin for their support to governors throughout the recruitment process, and other members of the Senior Leadership Team for their input in the final stages.

Yours faithfully Hunter Danskin & Brian Netto Co-Chairs of Governors

