



Warlingham Park School Appoints Headteacher to start in September 2018

Mrs Sarah Buist has been appointed to be the new Headteacher at Warlingham Park School with effect from 1st September 2018. The present Headteacher, Mr Michael Donald will be retiring at the end of this academic year after 25 years of dedicated service to the school.

The Trustees of Warlingham Park School advertised for a new Head last October and showed many applicants around the school. A thorough interview process commenced, with four well-qualified candidates in January and they are now pleased to appoint Mrs Sarah Buist to the new role.

Mrs Buist is currently Deputy Head at Oakwood School in Purley, a mixed independent school for age 3 to 11 year olds, that has been included in the Sunday Times top 100 Prep schools and has an 'excellent' rating by the Independent Schools Inspectorate. Mrs Buist has been Deputy Head there for over three years and during this time has been instrumental to all aspects of management and the development of academics, leading English, and the 11+ exam preparation club. Mrs Buist has also developed the role of subject leaders and implemented many new teaching and assessment initiatives. Mrs Buist graduated from Westminster College in Oxford in 1990 with a B.Ed. (Hons) degree and since then has worked in a wide variety of schools before being appointed Deputy Head at Oakwood. Mrs Buist brings with her a wealth of experience and a passion for excellence in the provision of education for children.

On accepting the role, Mrs Buist said, "I am delighted to be joining Warlingham Park School and I am committed to ensuring the pupils receive the highest standard of education, allowing them to reach their full potential; academic, personal and social. I very much look forward to leading the school into the future and working with the staff, parents and trustees and of course, the pupils, in September."

Parents and staff have welcomed the appointment and look forward to welcoming Mrs Buist into her new role in the new academic year.

Stuart Sexton, Chairman of Governors at Warlingham Park School has expressed his thanks to Mr Michael Donald, who has served 25 years as Headteacher and had led the school from strength to strength. His dedication and commitment to Warlingham Park School over the years will be sincerely missed. Stuart Said, "We extend our thanks to Mr Donald on behalf of pupils, staff and teachers, both past and present, and wish him all the very best in his well-deserved retirement".

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