

The Joseph Whitaker School

An Academy specialising in Sport and Performing Arts



18 December 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

As you know, David Bell recently announced his intention to step down as Headteacher at the end of this academic year. David has led the school from strength to strength since his appointment in September 2015 and will be a very hard act to follow.

Over the course of Monday and Tuesday this week, staff, students, governors & trustees ran a demanding interview process to fill the role of Headteacher for the school, from September 2020.

As part of the East Midlands Educational Trust (EMET), we are very lucky to be able to tap into the talent across the schools in the Trust and collectively we interviewed three candidates (two from other EMET schools, one internal candidate from Joseph Whitaker) for the role.

One candidate, above all others, met all the requirements of the post both personally and professionally. We are delighted to announce that we offered the job to our internal candidate, Carey Ayres, and that she has accepted.

Carey's appointment has been warmly endorsed by the selection team and she will formally take over as Headteacher from September. Carey has been at Joseph Whitaker for 2 ½ years and has already made an outstanding contribution to the school. She also has more than 10 years' experience in Senior Leadership roles in schools across Notts & Derbyshire.

Being local to the area, she understands the unique opportunities and challenges for the school. Her vision for maintaining the exceptionally positive academic path that the school is on, along with her plans and ideas to continue to build inclusivity & to encourage & help every student to excel was compelling during the interview process.

With effect from January 2020, Carey will step into a 'Head of School' role – this role will act as a transition from her current role of Deputy Headteacher. As a school we will then benefit from two full terms where Carey will be able to work alongside David Bell before formally stepping into the role of the school's Headteacher in September 2020. During the period of January 2020 through to July 2020, David Bell will remain as the schools Headteacher

Carey Ayres is thrilled to accept this appointment and to continue the outstanding progress made under David Bell's leadership. I would like to take this opportunity to thank staff, students, governors and trustees who took part in the recruitment process.

Kind Regards

Rupert Corder, Chair of Governors



Warsop Lane, Rainworth, Nottinghamshire NG21 0AG
Telephone: 01623 792327 Facsimile: 01623 792419
e-mail: office@josephwhitaker.org Website: www.josephwhitaker.org

