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Dear Families

Headteacher Position Teddington School

For the past two years, Teddington and Waldegrave Schools have been leading the development of The Richmond West Schools Trust ("RWST"). One commitment we made to all staff, students and parents at the start of this process was that the impact on Teddington School would be positive.

I am pleased to confirm that this year Teddington School achieved its best ever results at GCSE and A Level. These are both impressive achievements and confirm that the continuing improvement of Teddington School remains our priority.

The leaders of RWST decided that, to build upon its success, the Trust should appoint a single Chief Executive Officer. Last Friday, after a rigorous selection process, our Headteacher, John Wilkinson, was appointed to this role. John will act as Executive Headteacher, line managing the headteachers of all the schools within the trust and will lead the development of the Trust going forward. We are delighted that the leader of Teddington School has been chosen for this role.

All governors of Teddington School have been involved in these decisions and voted unanimously to support the proposed changes. However, we remain fully committed to the continued success of Teddington School. With this in mind, the governors have decided to appoint a Head of School, who will take charge of the day to day leadership Teddington School. The Head of School will be line managed directly by John, who will work alongside them to ensure standards of the school continue to improve and that they build upon the successes of recent years. As Executive Head, John will remain responsible for the strategic direction of the school, outcomes and school finances. It has been agreed that John will be based at Teddington School and be on site every day. Staff have been informed of these changes and are supportive.

The role of Head of School has been advertised and applicants will be interviewed by a Governor's panel on Thursday 28 September.

I will write again to inform you of the outcome of the interview process.

Yours sincerely

Jen Johnson
Chair of Governors