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Dear Parents

I am very pleased to write and introduce to you formally the new Heads of School at Kingdown. As you know, Mr Locke has moved into a different position within the Acorn Education Trust. As a result, Mrs Carpenter and Mr Holman have both stepped up from their roles as Deputy Headteachers to become joint Heads of School. They are both experienced leaders, and I know they will be excellent Heads.

I am very excited to work with them, and together, we will continue to help Kingdown School grow and achieve great success.

My role at the school is that of Executive Headteacher. I will work across both Kingdown School and Clarendon Academy in Trowbridge (the two secondary schools in the Acorn Education Trust). I am responsible for the standards and outcomes in both schools. I will therefore work closely with Mrs Carpenter and Mr Holman and support them in their new roles. I will be based at Kingdown school on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays; the remainder of the week I will be at Clarendon Academy.

I am thrilled about this opportunity to work with your young people, and I look forward to getting to know you and your sons/daughters. Many of you may remember me as one of the Deputy Heads at Kingdown School three years ago; I then left to take up the Headship at Clarendon Academy. I am delighted to be back, and I look forward to seeing you at future school events.

Looking forward to the year ahead

Best wishes

Mr R Price
Executive Headteacher



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Introducing Our New Heads of School

Mrs Carpenter



I am delighted to be Head of School with Toby Holman this year and to work with Rob Price as Executive Head. It's an absolute privilege to be leading such an amazing school as Kingdown, and I absolutely feel the weight of such an important role.

Kingdown students are just the best in my opinion; they make me smile every day and often make me very proud! I believe in the power of education to transform lives; as it has done for my own. My experience includes working in 5 comprehensive schools in Wiltshire and Sussex, as well as working in school improvement with the group Challenge Partners. Some parents may remember me from teaching English at Kingdown twenty years ago before becoming Head of English at Devizes School. I've been in education for 25 years and school leadership for 18 years, and I genuinely love it; my priority is to make sure that all students reach their potential academically and socially as they grow and develop.

On a personal level, I have been married to Edward, an archaeologist, for 21 years and have a 16-year-old daughter. We live on the edge of the beautiful Salisbury Plain, where we like to wander with our whippets.

Mr Holman

I feel extremely privileged and fortunate to be working along with Helen as Head of School – Kingdown School is such a fantastic school that offers opportunity to so many, and the learning that is taking place each and every day continues to amaze.

I've worked at Kingdown School since 2008, before that, in North London for eight years – initially near to Kings Cross before moving to a comprehensive school in Finchley. There are many similarities between the two schools and many differences too! But what remains so evident about Kingdown School is the strength we have as a school....teachers, students and families working together to ensure that all students achieve to the very best of their potential and that when they leave Kingdown School, they do so with a very strong set of achievements, secure knowledge and confidence to achieve whatever they want to.

On a personal level, I live locally in Frome with my wife, Vanessa and 13-year-old son. I enjoy exercise and running around the local countryside, and in holiday time I enjoy travelling across Europe.

