



To Parents/Carers

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to provide you with an important update regarding the Headteacher position at Nottingham Free School.

As you know, after 9 very successful years of Headship, current Headteacher Mark Watts, will be leaving his post at the end of the academic year to work within our Trust Teaching School, supporting teachers and aspiring leaders across all 15 schools.

Mark has done an excellent job in steering NFS through COVID and has ensured that pupils continue to thrive in a school where hard work and kindness permeate every aspect of school life. The school continues to remain as popular as ever and this year's outcomes are on track to be the best yet for both Year 11 and Year 13 which is testament to Mark's leadership and dedication.

In consultation with the Chair of NFS (Nick Rakkar) and members of the wider NOVA Trust Executive, we are delighted to announce the appointment of Joanne Simpson (currently Deputy Headteacher at Carlton Le Willows) to the position of Headteacher at NFS from September 2022.

Joanne brings extensive leadership experience to NFS and has a strong track record of success across a number of areas of school leadership, most notably academic excellence and Post 16 provision. We are very much looking forward to Joanne starting with us in September as we continue to strengthen NFS as an outstanding community school for all.

We wish Joanne every success as she takes up this exciting position and look forward to her starting in September.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andy Seymour".

Andy Seymour  
Executive Head Teacher