



**Connaught**  
*School for Girls*

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**Headteacher — Alexander Silk, MA**

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**12th January 2024**

Dear Parents/ Carers,

You will be aware from the newsletter sent at the end of the last term that there has been a change in Headteacher at Connaught School. Ms Hand had decided to step down from the post effective from the end of last term and I am honoured to take on this role and lead our school. I am delighted that my headship is at Connaught School for Girls - a place I have worked in and been committed to for over 15 years, a place that feels like home.

I am a parent of two young children at a local primary school. As a parent, my goal has always been to ensure my children are happy in life and that they are provided with the opportunities to achieve their potential. This is the philosophy I bring to my role as Headteacher. My goal is to ensure all children who attend our school are happy and provided with all the necessary opportunities to be the best they can be, both socially and academically.

I will be supported by a strong existing Senior Leadership team and I have also just internally appointed two new Associate Assistant Headteachers, namely Ms Diamond and Ms El Khandari who are both established, experienced and well respected leaders within the school and they will obviously add strength and capacity to the Senior Leadership team

I think it is crucial to involve our children and their families as partners in their education. I want to foster a whole school community which thrives on mutual respect and values positive relationships. I know how vital working in partnership with parents is, in order for children to find school a positive and rewarding experience. As key educators in your children's lives, I feel that it is important that your voice is heard, that as a school we are approachable and we allocate time to listen to your concerns, worries or thoughts about our school. I will be sending out regular Headteacher's updates starting in the coming weeks. I will also make

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opportunities for regular interaction mornings with parents/ carers and I would appreciate your honest feedback to help us build on our vision for the future.

I am extremely proud of so many of our achievements over the years and I remain determined that we successfully build on this. I will bring stability to the school and I can assure you that our school will continue to grow, to develop and to provide the best possible education, outcomes and experiences for your children.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read this letter and thank you in advance for your support. I am determined to do the very best for the students at the school and the students will be at the heart of all the decisions that are taken. I am excited and enthused to take up this new challenge.

Yours faithfully

Alexander Silk  
Acting Headteacher