
Oakbank School

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Dear Parents

I would like to introduce myself and explain why I am writing to you. My name is Colin Sinclair and I am the Education Director for the five Secondary Schools at CfBT Schools Trust. I am writing to update you on a number of important changes at Oakbank school.

Mrs Callaghan is on compassionate leave from school due to personal reasons. I'm in regular communication with Mrs Callaghan during this difficult period and I have been working closely with both Deputy Principals, Mr Prendiville and Mrs Mead, in leading the school during Mrs Callaghan's absence. I would like to thank Mr Prendiville, Mrs Mead and every member of the staff at school during this period as it is never easy when the Principal is absent from school.

As you know, the school is subject to a significant change in leadership from September 2019 with Mrs Callaghan and Mrs Mead moving onto pastures new. Mr Prendiville and I have been in regular contact with the in-coming Principal, Mr Bertrand, and I would like to update you on a number of exciting appointments we have made in preparation for September 2019. It is important to acknowledge that the following appointments have been made in partnership with CfBT Schools Trust, the Local Governing Body, Mr Bertrand and members of the school leadership team. The Senior Leadership Team has been restructured in order for Mr Bertrand to strategically lead and manage the school from September 2019. The introduction of a new Associate Principal, as a part-time seconded fixed-term post of one academic year from another CfBT School, provides Mr Bertrand with additional leadership capacity whilst embedding two new Assistant Principals into the Senior Leadership Team.

New Senior Leadership Team structure from September 2019

- Mr Bertrand – Principal
- Mr Dixon – Trust Associate Principal (3 days per week)
- Mr Prendiville – Deputy Principal
- Mrs Orchard - Assistant Principal (SEND / Teaching & Learning)
- Mr Swan – Assistant Principal (Pastoral)

In addition to the afore mentioned changes to the Senior Leadership Team, there will be a change to Pastoral organization within Key Stage 3 (Years 7, 8 and 9) with the introduction of Year Leaders. Three external Year Leaders, who will also be teaching Maths, Science and Design Technology, have been appointed and will be joining the school in September.

The school have also appointed an Art/Textile teacher who will be joining the newly appointed Head of Design Technology and the existing Design Technology staff.

The appointments made thus far are very exciting and will enable Mr Bertrand to review the curriculum and consider how best to continually meet the student's learning needs.

Finally, every school manages staffing changes at this time in the academic year with staff seeking promoted posts or moving onto different opportunities due to personal reasons. The school are currently recruiting an English teacher and a Head of Art and I will update you further at the beginning of June.

Finally, should you have any questions, or queries, please contact Mr Prendiville at school. Mr Prendiville and I are in regular communication and I am visiting the school regularly in my capacity of CfBT Schools Trust Director of Education.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C Sinclair". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'C' at the beginning.

Colin Sinclair