

20th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Substantive Headteacher Appointment at Newstead Wood School

As we approach the end of the Summer Term, we are writing to you with the very positive news that we have appointed Mrs Hannah Dalton as substantive Headteacher at Newstead Wood School from the beginning of the 2026-2027 academic year. Mrs Dalton's appointment follows a thorough and rigorous national recruitment process which attracted a field of very strong candidates to whom we are grateful for their considerable time and efforts.

Mrs Dalton is currently Deputy Headteacher at the school so is well versed in the day-to-day running of Newstead Wood and well known amongst the school community. Mrs Dalton joined Newstead Wood in 2023, bringing with her a wealth of experience as a successful senior leader from the previous positions she held at several other secondary schools in London. Whilst at Newstead Wood, she has held responsibility for key roles such as safeguarding, curriculum, teaching and assessment, as well as in the Sixth Form. We know her appointment will be welcomed and are confident that, under her leadership, Newstead Wood will continue to improve as an exceptional school where students thrive.

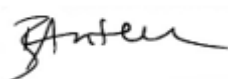
We would like to sincerely thank Mr Paul Norman for his excellent work as Interim Headteacher since stepping into the role in January and the enduring commitment he has shown to the school during his tenure. Mr Norman will be remaining in school until the end of the Autumn Term, working closely with Mrs Dalton to ensure a smooth transition.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Newstead Wood School and may we wish your child an enjoyable final few days of this academic year.

Yours sincerely



Sir Jon Coles
Chief Executive



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Director of Secondary Academies