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Dear Parent,

We are pleased, and privileged, as the new Principals of Smith's Wood to welcome you to a new academic year and a new era in the life of the College.

This is a transitional time for the College, and one that we believe, will build on the many successes that the College has achieved over the past few years. We fully intend to keep this momentum going and we are both dedicated to making the Co-Headship a successful experience for all. We are genuinely excited about the prospect of leading the College and look forward, very much to working alongside your children and in close collaboration with yourselves.

As you know the College enjoys first class educational facilities that are well-maintained and conducive to exciting and successful learning opportunities. It is, however, the people and ethos that make for a thriving school, not buildings.

Ours is a safe, happy and inclusive college where pupils and staff are encouraged and expected to **VALUE** their learning, **RESPECT** their college and the community in which they live and work and, crucially, **BELIEVE** in themselves and each other. From September, these ambitions will be embodied in **THE SMITH'S WOOD WAY**. The Smith's Wood Way is the way in which we expect all of those involved in the life of the College to work.

Every pupil at Smith's Wood is valued and encouraged to give of their best, both academically and personally. This is promoted through the spiritual, moral, social and cultural values of the learning environment and opportunities that are offered to them. Our mission is central to all that we believe and all that we do:

*learning together*  *succeeding together*

Through working together and learning together, we will be succeeding together. We are both fully committed to working with you, and your children and we will be relentless in our drive and ambition to improve the outcomes for all who choose to join us on our journey. We sincerely wish your children every success in everything they do at Smith's Wood and will support them every step of the way.

On **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September** the College will be supporting the cancer support charity Macmillan through hosting a coffee morning from **9.00am** until **11.00am**. We would like to extend this as an informal opportunity to meet ourselves and to answer any questions that you may have about the Co-Headship arrangement. We would be thrilled to see you on the 26<sup>th</sup>!

Angela Miller *Principal*

Katy Craig *Principal*

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Principal: K Craig BSc



