



Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to introduce myself as the Interim Headteacher for Barnwood Park School.

I am excited to be joining Barnwood Park School at this pivotal time, ahead of the school becoming part of the Greenshaw Learning Trust in September.

My commitment to Barnwood Park School students, staff as well as parents and carers, is to be a visible and approachable Headteacher who truly champions the students and their many successes and who is committed to the success of the school. I am also the Headteacher of Henley Bank High School, another Greenshaw Learning Trust school in Gloucester. Henley Bank High School has been on a significant journey of school improvement over the four and a half years that I have been Headteacher there and is now heavily oversubscribed. We have consistently excellent outcomes and the most recent exam results are the highest results of a non-selective school in the entire county. I am extremely confident that Barnwood Park can and will soon be enjoying similar success.

I am currently working with Barnwood Park School staff, alongside colleagues from across the Greenshaw Learning Trust, to plan for September 2024. The core of my vision rests on establishing clear routines and systems in order to deliver three key commitments to students and parents:

1. Disruption free learning in every lesson and beyond
2. Enhanced inclusion and safeguarding of students, including those with additional needs and requirements
3. Rapid improvements to teaching and learning

We are also committed to improving the school environment and various refurbishment projects will shortly be underway.

In shaping our plans, I am very keen to harness the views of parents and carers and will be reviewing the modes of communication between the school and parents over the months ahead.

In the first instance, I look forward to meeting you on **Monday 24th June at 17:00** when we will be holding a 'Meet the Head' evening at the school. Please note that it would not be appropriate to discuss individual students at this meeting, but I am very keen to discuss my strategy for the school and I hope to meet many of you then.

In addition to this, there will be a 'Year 11 offer' evening on Monday 8th July at 17:00 which is for parents and carers of students currently in Year 10. This will outline the programme of support that these students will receive and the setting of expectations for next academic year, when they are in their most crucial school year. Should you be unable to attend this, a copy of the presentation will be on the school website to view at your convenience. Any resources will be provided to students directly.

In order to support our hardworking, committed staff body we will be adding an extra Inset Day on **Friday 05 July 2024**. This will help ensure that all staff are fully updated on compliance training but also have enough opportunities to prepare for 2024-2025, to help them deliver excellent education for all pupils in line with the values and expectations of the Greenshaw Learning Trust. The previously communicated INSET day on Monday 22 July will remain unchanged.

I look forward to working with you on the next stage of the journey for Barnwood Park School.

Yours faithfully

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