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Dear Parents and Guardians

As part of the final phase of work on the Boarding Review I am delighted to announce the House teams and staffing for the Academic Year 2020/21.

You will remember that the boarding (or sleeping) parts of the Houses are to become single sex, but that the Houses will remain co-educational and have a mix of day and boarding students.

Some students will be moving to a new house, by virtue of leaving Fryer and Grove, or moving to a girls or boys sleeping section. The details of those allocations will be communicated to you before the end of term.

The following staff will be stepping down or moving on from Leighton Park:

- Robin Longworth, Housemaster of Reckitt House, has been appointed to College Alpin Beau Soleil in Switzerland.
- Tim Green, Deputy Housemaster of Fryer, has been appointed to Cheadle Hulme School.
- Rachel Martin has stepped down from her role as Deputy Housemistress of Reckitt House.
- Graham Smith has stepped down from his role as Housemaster of School House.

I would like to thank these colleagues for their dedication to boarding at Leighton Park and particularly for all they have done to make our boarding houses such welcoming, inclusive and family-feel environments for our students.

We have made a number of new and additional appointments, investing in the future of our Houses and our pastoral provision, which I set out below:

School House - Co-educational Senior House with boys boarding

Housemaster: Alex Leighton

Deputy Housemaster: Jonathan Porter-Hughes

Senior Resident Tutor: Caroline Semeyn

Resident Tutor: Ryan Maze

Ryan joins us after completing his teaching qualification at the University of Oxford. Ryan will also be a Teacher of RE and Philosophy when he joins Leighton Park.

Resident Tutor: Matt Richards

The team will be supplemented by a new House Manager and a number of teaching colleagues, acting as House Tutors to both day and boarding students; as well as our one-year Resident Graduates.

Field House - Co-educational Senior House with boys boarding

Housemistress: Jakki Marr

Deputy Housemaster: Damon Young

Senior Resident Tutor: Mark Smith

Resident Tutor: Sam Bates

Sam joins us from Edgbarrow School where he was a Teacher of Science. Sam will also be Teacher of Biology when he joins Leighton Park.

Resident Tutor: Duncan Jones

Duncan has had a long association with Leighton Park with the PE and Games Department as a Rugby coach, and we are delighted that he is joining us as a Resident Graduate.

The team will be supplemented by a House Manager, Jan Bell, and a number of teaching colleagues acting as House Tutors to both day and boarding students; as well as our one-year Resident Graduates.

Reckitt House - Co-educational Senior House with girls boarding

Housemistress: Lou Cory

Lou joins us from The Ladies' College, Guernsey where she was Senior Year Coordinator and an English Teacher. Lou will also be a Teacher of English when she joins Leighton Park.

Deputy Housemistress: Amie Cull

Amie joins us from Elmhurst Ballet School, where she was a House parent. Amie will also be working with our Learning Support Team when she joins Leighton Park.

Senior Resident Tutor: Helen Tatlock

Helen joins us from Akeley Wood Senior School where she was a Lead Teacher of Teaching and Learning and a Teacher of History and Politics. Helen will also be our Head of History when she joins Leighton Park.

Resident Tutor: Grace Ritchie

Resident Tutor: Ella Shephard

The team will be supplemented by a new House Manager and a number of teaching colleagues acting as House Tutors to both day and boarding students; as well as our one-year Resident Graduates.

Fryer House - Co-educational House for the Lower School with co-educational boarding starting during 2021

Housemaster: Adrian Stewart

Deputy Housemistress: Merion Taynton

Resident Tutor: Andy Gallacher

Resident Graduate: Hannah Klimas

Hannah joins Leighton Park after completing her MA in Translation Studies at

Durham University.

The team will be supplemented by a number of teaching colleagues acting as House Tutors to both day and boarding students.

We will be working hard so that parents and students can very quickly get to know the new teams and ensure that students are well supported by their House Tutors and House teams. We are genuinely excited about this transformational moment in our boarding and pastoral provision and look forward to hearing your feedback next term as the new provision comes into action.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about this announcement.

With my very best wishes

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