

Wanstead High School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

In some different news, I am delighted to welcome some excellent key staff to the team and to wish Ms Begum well on her maternity leave. Thank you for all she has done to lead the Media department and we look forward to some great results this summer.

- **Mr Colin Sheehan** joins us as Head of Media to cover this leave. Originally from Cork, Ireland, he studied before embarking on a career in finance and marketing in both Ireland and Germany. He swapped spreadsheets for the classroom and trained as a teacher six years ago, specialising in Business, Finance, and Media. He most recently served as Head of Media at Paddington Academy. In his spare time, he enjoys cooking (and eating the results!) and also dabbles in amateur dramatics. He's excited to get started at Wanstead and is looking forward to working with and getting to know all of our staff and pupils.
- **Ms Rosie Borgese** joins us 3 days a week as the Media Resources Advisor and Technician, covering another impending maternity leave. She is a professional photographer, holding a degree in Photography and Digital Imaging. She has previously worked as a Media Technician, supporting a variety of creative departments including photography, graphic and visual effects. She is looking forward to joining our school and supporting our pupils.
- **Ms Rina Malah** joins us as the second half of the Reception team. She holds a degree in Business Management and a diploma in School Business Management and has more than 15 years' experience working in the education sector. She describes herself as confident and motivated and prides herself on her calmness, flexibility and ability to work under pressure. ***Please do take the time to introduce yourself as she has a key parent and visitor facing role.***
- **Ms Sadia Begum** who joined us last term as a Sixth Form Supervisor and has settled really quickly into the team.

Year 8 Office Helpers

Although pupils have loved experiencing the world of work as Office Helpers, we will pause this initiative for a short time as we feel pupils should be in the classroom due to the days missed recently. We will keep you updated.

Bike Shed – new risk controls

We will be supervising the bike sheds while they are open in the morning and afternoon after a recent theft incident and are getting quotes to move the shed into the school building as this is currently outside the main complex. We have passed the CCTV footage to the police and it is clear that this is a professional thief as he has a large tool bag. It is a shame that this has to happen but hope these additional controls will support pupils to continue to ride their bikes into school. Please do contact Ms Williams if you have any queries – s.williams@wansteadhigh.co.uk

Finally, I wish you a very pleasant weekend – it is wonderful to have your children back in school. Year 7 were amazing on Thursday at the activity day and I am so grateful to all the staff involved in making these pupils feel connected with the school. Again, thank you for your messages of support to the leadership and staff team and also intelligent questions. We cannot reply to all of these but endeavour to if parents are raising specific queries.

All the best

Emma Hillman
Headteacher