

9<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It gives me great pleasure to advise you that following an intensive recruitment process, the board of Directors has appointed a new Headteacher for Whitefriars School, Mr Pritam Vekaria.

During a rigorous selection process involving staff, pupils and Directors, Mr Vekaria stood out as an exceptional candidate to all those involved, and was the clear and unanimous choice of all members of the selection panel.

Mr Vekaria will start his role as Headteacher of Whitefriars School on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April. Mr Crossland and Mrs Williams will continue to work in their current roles as acting headteachers until this date.

Mr Vekaria would like to share this initial message with all parents, carers and pupils:

*I am deeply honoured to be the next Headteacher of Whitefriars School, and join such a strong family. I know this is a place where we do everything we can to provide an excellent educational experience for all our students and staff. I am committed to all of our school values, and I will aim to exemplify these at all times. In addition, I vow to be open and transparent in every capacity and earn your respect and trust through my actions. I wish you all a safe and restful half-term and look forward to working with you all after the Easter break.*

With Mr Vekaria's appointment we can be very optimistic about a strong, stable and successful future for the school and I know that he is already looking forward to meeting with parents and pupils and sharing his vision for the future.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Lynne Malzard  
Chair of Directors