



**The Manor**  
Preparatory School

## **To All Parents**

Friday 12 June 2020

Dear Parents

### **Staff News**

At this time of year we bring you the news of changes in staffing for September 2020.

Sadly, after a long period of furlough, Sarah Bell, our Marketing Manager will not be returning to The Manor in September. We wish Sarah well in the future.

Our Assistant Bursar, Denise Chapman has decided, after more than 27 years of service, to leave The Manor at the end of this term. Denise has been a valuable part of The Manor House team. We have made an appointment and will share this news with you as soon as we are able.

Lily Cox joined us on a temporary contract for one year and whilst we have been lucky enough to keep her for two years, Lily will be leaving The Manor this summer.

Paula Delany, who has given over 20 years' service as a ballet teacher at The Manor, assisting also with choreography at some of our plays, will leave us at the end of this term. We are already recruiting for this position and will give more details when we have them.

Daniel Hornby will also leave us in July. Dan has brilliantly stepped into the Music Department during Clare Woodall's maternity leave and we are very grateful to him for all of his efforts.

Jo Law, who has been teaching DT and Art at The Manor for almost 27 years and has headed up both of these departments, has decided it is time to hang up her paintbrushes and tools although she assures me she will be upcycling and attempting more creative projects in her retirement. We have appointed Mr Richard Valentine to the post. Richard joins us from Eton End School, a prep school in Datchet.

Kate Lupton has been a wonderful TA with us for 10 years and has decided to leave us at the end of this term. She is looking forward to spending more time with family and travelling the world! We wish her well.

Katie Morley has been a brilliant Year 1 teacher. Katie has been on maternity leave this year and has now sadly made the decision not to return. We wish Katie well as she embarks on the next stage of her life and we hope that she will be a frequent visitor to the school.

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Brendan O'Neill came to us as recently retired and joined us as a minibus driver. Since then his life has become ever busier as he gives more and more of his time volunteering for the Cats Protection League. He will leave us this term to spend more time enjoying his voluntary work.

Mrs Vernède, one of our Nursery teachers, begins her maternity leave today. This has come round incredibly quickly and we wish Laura and Dan the best of health and happiness on the arrival of their first child.

We are also delighted to let you know that Mrs Danielle Footring has been appointed to the position of Head of Drama and will join us in September from St Hugh's School, Carswell. In addition, Sarahjane Gillies and Rhiannon Demain will be increasing their roles at The Manor and we are delighted that they are able to add to their timetables and play an even fuller part in life at school.

We thank all our leavers for the efforts that they have put in to making The Manor such a great school, whatever their role may be and we wish them all every health and happiness in the future. We also extend the warmest of welcomes to our new staff.

Yours

Alastair Thomas  
Headmaster