



Fort Pitt Grammar School



By email

December 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

Headship at Fort Pitt Grammar School

I am writing to inform you that I will be leaving Fort Pitt at the end of this academic year and the advert for my replacement will be placed later today.

As some of you may know, when I originally accepted the Headship here at Fort Pitt, I agreed to stay for two years initially, mainly due to the daily commute from my home in London. I then agreed with the Chair of Governors and CEO of FPTA Academies that I would extend this period by one academic year in order to see through the key priorities for the school including the Science building, further improving examination success, improving post-18 destinations and the implementation of the financial recovery programme.

I have recently been appointed Founding Principal of a brand new school for 1000 students in Central London and will be starting in September 2018 so that the school is ready to open in September 2019.

The interview process for my successor will take place in January 2018 in order to allow for a full and comprehensive hand over process. I have no doubt that the Governors and Trustees will appoint a highly qualified and effective Headteacher with the right personal qualities to quickly understand our unique context and take the school from strength to strength.

Fort Pitt is a very special school and I am proud and grateful to have been given the opportunity to lead it since 2015. It is a place I will never forget and I will always be rooting for our students and alumni to seek the highest levels of success academically, professionally and personally in equal measure. As I say to my students repeatedly 'Fort Pitt students can achieve anything they set their minds to'.

I should like to thank you for your support over the past few years and I look forward to serving you as Headteacher until 31 August 2018.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nick Watkiss', written over a white background.

Nick Watkiss
Headteacher

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