



April 2022

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

On behalf of the Board of Governors I am delighted to inform you that we have appointed Mrs Karen Clinton to be our Headteacher at Barnwood Park from 1st September 2022.

Who is Mrs Clinton?

Mrs Clinton is currently Deputy Head at Priory School, Lewes in East Sussex. She has previous experience of being a headteacher. She led her school when its headteacher was asked to work in another school. At the interviews held earlier this week, Mrs Clinton impressed very many staff, students, governors and the GCC Director of Education who were all involved in the challenging two-day process of question panels, presentations, discussions and tasks.

Why does Mrs Clinton want to be Head at Barnwood Park?

Having decided she was ready for a permanent job as a headteacher and wanting to move to Gloucestershire, Mrs Clinton had researched Gloucester schools and was interested by our school, so when the Headteacher job was advertised she decided to apply. During her time in school this week, she was clearly 'taken' with Barnwood Park for its ethos, its atmosphere, its students and its future potential. Governors felt she fitted all aspects of the Headteacher person specification very well.

What's next?

Plans will be made for Mrs Clinton to spend time in the school during the summer term so that she can get to know us and the area, and for there to be an effective handover from Mr Albon.

It has been sad and difficult accepting that Mr Albon would be leaving in August. We are now pleased to be able to reassure you that the future of Barnwood Park will be in safe, experienced, hands when we start the new school year in September.

We wish you all a good break over Easter.

Best wishes

Mary Higgins
Chair of Governors
Barnwood Park School

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