



KING JAMES'S SCHOOL

KNARESBOROUGH

13th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

APPOINTMENT OF NEW HEADTEACHER

I wrote to you on 11th July 2022 to inform you that Carl Sugden had decided to retire from his post as Headteacher and that the Governing Board were starting the process of recruiting someone to succeed him. The final stage of that recruitment process took place on Monday and Tuesday of this week. I am pleased to inform you that the Governing Board has appointed Clare Martin to be the new Headteacher of King James's School.

Clare is currently the Principal of Bradford Girls' Grammar School. She has held that post since 2020, and prior to that had been Deputy Headteacher at Pudsey Grammar School from 2012. Her other experience includes working as a Lead Adviser for Secondary Education for North Yorkshire County Council for four years. In the early stages of her career, she taught at King James's School between 1996 and 2002, when she was Head of Vocational Education. We were able to attract an extremely strong field of candidates for the role, but in the end the Governing Board judged that Clare's skills, qualities and strong all-round experience made her the person best suited to the role. She will be the first female Headteacher in the school's 400-year history.

Mr Sugden is due to retire at Easter and, whilst the details are still be finalised with her current employer, we expect Clare to take up her new post as Headteacher at that time. The Governing Board offers Clare their congratulations on her new appointment, and we look forward to working with her as she takes on leadership of the school.

Yours sincerely,

MALCOLM DAWSON OBE
Chair of Governors