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Dear Parent/Carer

I have the pleasure of announcing that Jamie Foster has been appointed as the incoming Headteacher of St. Martin's School.

Mr. Foster, the current Headteacher of Chase High School, has been appointed the Executive Headteacher for Trust secondary schools. He will be taking up the substantive Headteacher post at St. Martin's School, but will also have executive oversight of Chase High School (and any other secondary schools that join the Trust going forward).

Mr. Foster will start in post on Monday 4 September, but, as both St. Martin's and Chase High are in the Discovery Educational Trust (DET), a comprehensive handover between him and Mr. Smyrk will be undertaken during the coming weeks to ensure a smooth transition.

Mr. Foster has a proven track record of school improvement, of raising standards and of promoting excellence. Additionally, having been a teacher and Assistant Headteacher at St. Martin's, he is already very familiar with the school and the community it serves.

I have personally worked closely with Mr. Foster for a number of years, and am confident in his abilities, as is the Trust Board, which fully supports his appointment.

Chase High School will be recruiting a replacement for Mr. Foster, and that process has already commenced. Mr. McLaughlin, the Trust Deputy Chief Executive Officer, will be Acting Headteacher until that process has been completed.

Yours faithfully



Ryan Duff
Chief Executive Officer
Discovery Educational Trust