

Introduction from Headteacher Designate:

I am absolutely delighted to be Headteacher Designate for Swakeleys School for Girls. I take up post in September 2022 and am really looking forward to getting to know the wonderful community of Swakeleys. Since my appointment in November I have been into school a number of times to meet with staff and parents – I attended the parent’s forum in March and it was lovely to meet some families then. What initially attracted me to the school was the fact that students are engaged in their learning and that school is not just about getting students excellent exam results – it is also about developing student character and supporting girls to be the best woman/citizen that she can be. When I was last at Swakeleys, the week before last, I saw students focused in their lessons, walking calmly around the school, chatting to staff, reading books and sitting having a picnic on the grass. After school I watched some of the Addams Family rehearsals. There’s so much going on at Swakeleys – you’ve made a great choice for your daughter for her secondary school.



I am currently head of School at Brentford School for Girls where I have worked since 2012. Over my time at Brentford School I have led on curriculum, teaching and learning, assessment and I have supported those who lead many areas of the school such as pastoral support, careers, Science, English, Maths and many other subjects. Having achieved a degree in Zoology in 1997 and worked in an investment bank I qualified as a teacher in 2001 through Homerton College, Cambridge. I have worked at ADT College in Wandsworth as a Science teacher and then head of Science and then I moved to work at Mulberry School for Girls in Shadwell as a Deputy Headteacher. Throughout my time in Education I have taken pride in the relationships that I have had with staff, students and parents. I am a great believer in the importance of girls’ education and can see the positive impact that a single sex education can have on girls ensuring that they have the confidence to take their place in the world.

In preparation for September I will be in school as much as I can during June and July and I have scheduled meetings with all staff who work at the school – these started last week. I am aware that it has been a challenging couple of years in Education and some of the relationships that you may have had with your daughter’s teachers may have been more challenging to maintain. I will be scheduling events in the Autumn term to ensure you have the opportunity to come into your daughter’s school and reconnect in person with the staff that work to support your daughter achieve her very best at school. From my 20+ years’ experience of being involved in education I know that a successful and happy school depends on all of us working together.

Please be assured that Mrs Pryor, the senior team and Governors have been incredibly generous with their time and there is a detailed transition programme in place to ensure that I am in a position to hit the ground running when I am full time at Swakeleys in September. I very much look forward to meeting you then.

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Headteacher Designate
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