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Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Changes at the Top for Felpham Community College**

As Chair of the Governing Body, I thought I should let you know about some of the changes that will occur shortly within the Senior Leadership Team at the college.

At the end of this term Mr Cook stands down as the Headteacher when he retires after six years in the top job and before that fourteen years as Deputy Headteacher. There are many who will be grateful to Mr Cook for his steady hand and professional approach which has had a significant impact on the success of pupils; the increased college presence in the wider community; and the strengthening of the senior leadership which has helped improved the college in so many ways. The Governors wish Mr Cook all the best in his well deserved retirement and thank him for all that he has done for the college.

The interviews for the new Headteacher were conducted last week and the Governors agreed to appoint Mr Mark Anstiss who is currently the Deputy Headteacher at Durrington High School, Worthing. Mr Anstiss has been there for eight years during which time the school has achieved sustained improvements and increased examination results. Mr Anstiss starts with us at the beginning of the Summer term.

For the Spring term, Mrs Ashman, our Deputy Headteacher, will take on the role of Interim Headteacher. Mrs Ashman is well known to many of you and has been deeply involved in most of the improvement initiatives introduced over recent times. Mrs Ashman is very well placed to take over the running of the college and move us through to this year's examinations at which we expect to achieve some of our best results ever. There will be other changes to the responsibilities of the Senior Leadership Team, including Mr Edwards becoming the Acting Deputy Headteacher.

As you can tell, these next few months will involve much change but we feel confident that students will continue to receive sound guidance with effective teaching and learning which will help them achieve the things they want from life.

On behalf of all of the Governors I wish you a joyful festive period and a happy New Year.

Yours sincerely



Ken Lloyd  
Chair of Governors