

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Dear primary parents and carers,

**Re: Start of Year Arrangements and Primary Staffing updates September 2022**

I look forward to continuing to lead the primary school into the 2022-23 school year and write with some updates to staffing for the next academic year.

The Senior Leadership team remains very stable with four out of five Assistant Principals remaining in role:

- **Nick Walters**, Assistant Principal, Primary Inclusion (works across YYS and OYS)
- **Michelle Loo**, Assistant Principal EYFS
- **Jon Howlett**, Assistant Principal KS1
- **Tim Young**, Assistant Principal, Junior School (Year 5 and 6, on OYS)

**Skai Becker** will be leaving King Solomon Academy to begin a new life in Berlin, Germany. We are so grateful to Skai for her extraordinary hard work at both APG and KSA. We are delighted to welcome **Palesa Gunn as our new Assistant Principal on YYS working with Year 3 and 4**. Parents will be able to start meeting Palesa in the final week of this term when she joins us for her handover.

The following staff will also be leaving King Solomon in July:

- Rachel Jacobs our lunchtime manager – leaving to be closer to family
- Emma Lambourne – moving to Singapore
- Sonika Bakkar – taking some more time to be with family ahead of moving abroad
- Rebecca Harrison – moving to a school in a different context
- Ryan Holmes – taking on a senior leadership residency at another school
- Jess Crawley – moving to work at Ofsted
- Grace Lee – also moving to Singapore
- Sarah Pollard – starting teacher training
- Rachel Smit – pursuing teacher training
- Wendy Tomlin – moving to work closer to home
- Shaneika Davis – moving to work closer to home
- Maliqe Mustapha – pursuing teacher training
- Alaa Mirza – going to university
- Asrar Mouradi – going to university
- Alieyah Mansaray – going back to university

We are delighted to confirm that Conrad Louis-Marie has been appointed Head of Year 7 so will be moving into Middle School with the Class of 2029. Dushka Dejanovic will also be moving up to support the transition process for some key pupils.

**Please turn to the attached page to see which staff will be working with which classes and what their new class will be called.**

We retain the following teaching staff in primary who do not own a class but teach across multiple classes and year groups:

- Kathryn Hanna, teaching Forest School and intervention
- Melissa Dunford-Wood teaching YYS humanities
- Mariam Rahim teaching YYS art
- Meg Dhanji leading primary PE.
- We welcome Jessica Hu as our new primary music lead.
- Polly Swindells has been promoted to primary SENDCo and will now be teaching across year groups.
- We will continue to welcome secondary specialists to teach Y5 and Y6 French, art, music and PE.

Each class is carefully prepared for a smooth transition from one year to the next through:

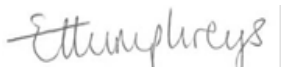
- a Transition Assembly for each year group
- a morning for their new teacher to go and visit them in their current class
- a lesson where they go to their new classroom to have an introductory lesson with their new teacher
- Some of our most vulnerable pupils are also having additional activities to ensure they feel safe and happy in their new spaces with new adults.

In the meantime, we look forward to welcoming you to your child's Achievement Assembly in the final week of term and then enjoying a lovely Summer holiday!

- All pupils in Year 1 to Year 6 begin school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September.
- Pupils now in Nursery Chestnut who are moving up to Nursery Maple or Sycamore will start on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September.
- Pupils now in Nursery Willow and staying in Nursery Willow will start on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September.
- Pupils now in Nursery Maple and Sycamore moving to Reception will start on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September.
- All new to KSA pupils, or pupils from Willow transitioning into Nursery Maple or Sycamore have been given their own specific start dates.

| <b>Year group</b> | <b>Date</b>                     | <b>Time</b> | <b>Location</b>               |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| Nursery           | Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July  | 12.15pm     | Classroom                     |
| Reception         | Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July  | 12.15pm     | Classroom                     |
| Year 1            | Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July | 8.45am      | Main Hall, Younger Years Site |
| Year 2            | Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July | 10am        | Main Hall, Younger Years Site |
| Year 3            | Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July  | 9.30am      | Main Hall, Younger Years Site |
| Year 4            | Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July    | 2pm         | Main Hall, Younger Years Site |
| Year 5            | Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July  | 8.45am      | Main Hall, Older Years Site   |

Yours faithfully,



Beth Humphreys  
**Associate Principal, Head of Primary**

Please see below for the names of the classes in 2022-23 and the staff working closest with them.

*Please be aware there may be some changes in support staff as we finish hiring the complete team.*

| <b>2022-23 NURSERY</b> | <b>Nursery Leadership</b>  | <b>Teachers and support staff</b>   |
|------------------------|--|---|
| Nursery Willow         | Sophia Contonicola (Nursery Manager)<br><br>Michelle Loo, Assistant Principal, Head of EYFS                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gabriela Sainz</li> <li>• Noor Saada</li> <li>• Lauren Brumble</li> <li>• Maftoona Ariq</li> <li>• Jade Williamson</li> </ul>        |
| Nursery Chestnut       | Alice Taylor (Lead Teacher of Nursery, across both classes)<br><br>Michelle Loo, Assistant Principal, Head of EYFS | <i>Closed in Autumn term</i>  |
| Nursery Sycamore       |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lubna Baakza (Senior Early Years Practitioner)</li> <li>• Lavinia Pirlog</li> <li>• Rema Khatun</li> <li>• Tamanna Hasina</li> </ul> |
| Nursery Maple          |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shannon Hastings (Senior Early Years Practitioner)</li> <li>• Maria Reed</li> <li>• Asma Ahmed</li> <li>• Pamela Stewart</li> </ul>  |

| <b>2022-23 RECEPTION</b>   | <b>Reception Leadership</b>   | <b>Teachers and support staff</b>  |
|----------------------------|---|--|
| Reception Leeds            | Michelle Loo, Assistant Principal, Head of EYFS and acting Reception Lead | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hannah Salt</li> <li>• New support staff TBC</li> <li>• Donna Cole</li> </ul> |
| Reception Oxford           |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hannah Foxtton</li> <li>• Max Gee</li> </ul>                                  |
| Reception Sheffield Hallam |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Katie Fox</li> <li>• Carly Buskell</li> <li>• Ebony Smikle</li> </ul>         |

| <b>2022-23 YEAR 1</b>                                     | <b>Y1 Leadership</b>                                 | <b>Teachers and support staff</b>   |
|---|--|---|
| 1 Nottingham Trent<br><i>(was Reception Surrey class)</i> | Sophie Clark (Year 1 Lead, phonics and reading lead) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sophie Clark (Year Lead, phonics and reading lead)</li> <li>• Hannah Osei (teacher)</li> <li>• Naima Juid</li> </ul> |
| 1 Rome<br><i>(was Reception Sheffield Hallam)</i>         |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mollie Milward</li> <li>• Rozarta Makoli</li> </ul>  |
| 1 Greenwich<br><i>(was Reception Loughborough)</i>        |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Russel Chowdhury</li> <li>• Karolina Sussel</li> <li>• Allison Christopher</li> </ul>                                |

| <b>2022-23 YEAR 2</b>                       | <b>Y2 Leadership</b>  | <b>Teachers and support staff</b>   |
|---|---|---|
| 2 Durham<br><i>(was 1 Nottingham Trent)</i> | Jon Howlett,<br>Assistant Principal KS1<br>and acting Year 2 Lead | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Magdalena Case</li> <li>• New support staff TBC</li> </ul> |
| 2 Cumbria<br><i>(was 1 Leeds)</i>           |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mariam Shubi</li> <li>• Amina Roberts</li> </ul>           |
| 2 Swansea<br><i>(was 1 Greenwich)</i>       |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lucy Grant</li> <li>• New support staff TBC</li> </ul>     |

| <b>2022-23 YEAR 3</b>                 | <b>Y3 Leadership</b>  | <b>Teachers and support staff</b>   |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| 3 Fiji<br><i>(was 2 Durham)</i>       | Tiffany Collins (Year 3<br>Lead)<br><br>Palesa Gunn,<br>Assistant Principal, LKS2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tiffany Collins (Year Lead)</li> <li>• New support staff TBC</li> </ul>  |
| 3 Hong Kong<br><i>(was 2 Swansea)</i> |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hannah Sharp</li> <li>• Max Coppard</li> <li>• Magda Gontarek</li> </ul> |
| 3 Cambridge<br><i>(was 2 Cumbria)</i> |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lydia Hartley</li> <li>• Samira Chafai</li> </ul>                        |

| <b>2022-23 YEAR 4</b>                  | <b>Y4 Leadership</b>   | <b>Teachers and support staff</b>  |
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| 4 Cape Town<br><i>(was 3 Dublin)</i>   | Katie Juckes (Year 4<br>Lead)<br><br>Palesa Gunn,<br>Assistant Principal, LKS2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Katie Juckes (Year Lead)</li> <li>• Joyce Lawrence</li> </ul> |
| 4 Hanoi<br><i>(was 3 Hong Kong)</i>    |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harry Willis</li> <li>• Camila Esquerdo</li> </ul>            |
| 4 Birmingham<br><i>(was 3 Cardiff)</i> |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laura Marlow</li> <li>• Maureen Moru</li> </ul>               |

| <b>2022-23 YEAR 5</b>                     | <b>Y5 Leadership</b>  | <b>Teachers and support staff</b>  |
|---|---|--|
| 5 St Andrews<br><i>(was 4 Canterbury)</i> | Molly Thomas (Year 5<br>Lead and Science Lead)<br><br>Tim Young,<br>Assistant Principal,<br>Junior School | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Molly Thomas (Year Lead and Science Lead)</li> <li>• Anna Young (teacher)</li> <li>• Cristian Diaz</li> </ul> |
| 5 York<br><i>(was 4 Birmingham)</i>       |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harriet Pymont</li> <li>• New support staff TBC</li> </ul>  |
| 5 Trinity<br><i>(was 4 Cape Town)</i>     |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chloe Campbell (Computing Lead)</li> <li>• Bela Pinheiro</li> </ul>   |

| <b>2022-23 YEAR 6</b>                   | <b>Y6 Leadership</b>   | <b>Teachers and support staff</b>  |
|---|--|--|
| 6 Le Mans<br><i>(was 5 Birmingham)</i>  | John-Mark Chandler<br>(Year 6 Lead,<br>Humanities Lead)<br><br>Tim Young,<br>Assistant Principal,<br>Junior School | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John-Mark Chandler (Year Lead, Humanities Lead)</li> <li>• New support staff TBC</li> </ul> |
| 6 Leeds<br><i>(was 5 York)</i>          |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anya Shore</li> <li>• New support staff TBC</li> </ul>                                      |
| 6 Plymouth<br><i>(was 5 Goldsmiths)</i> |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dom Quinn (Writing Lead)</li> <li>• Darius St-Louis</li> </ul>                              |