



An announcement from the Chair of Governors

After an extensive search, and intensive assessment, I am delighted to announce that the Governors have appointed Fergus Llewellyn as successor to Christian Heinrich with effect from July 2020. Christian's retirement faced us with the challenge of filling big shoes (and colourful socks!) and I am confident that we have found an outstanding candidate to do so.

Fergus is a product of Sherborne School and graduate of the University of London with a BA (Hons) in English. He is currently the Headmaster of the renowned St Andrew's Prep School, Turi, Kenya, where he has been since August 2015. Prior to that, he was at Cheltenham College for 10 years, serving as Housemaster and Head of English and Drama. Earlier in his career he was at Kings Bruton and Haslemere Preparatory School.

The Board set out to find a candidate with the expertise, experience and empathy to sustain the hugely successful Cumnor ethos but equipped to introduce changes which will ensure that Cumnor pupils are prepared for the challenges of the 2020s and beyond. Cumnor aims to nurture a happy childhood, develop the full potential of each individual pupil and build character on which they will draw throughout their lives. In Fergus we have found an educational professional remarkably well equipped to build further the Cumnor Community.

Fergus is married to Tamsyn who hails from South Africa, and who currently plays an active role at St Andrew's. Tamsyn is also a considerable linguist having been a teacher of French, German and Latin. There are three Llewellyn children, all pre-prep/prep school aged, who will add much to the multi-talented Cumnor pupil body.

During the next 12 months Fergus will be a periodic visitor to the school and will have several opportunities to meet parents, pupils and staff. He serves on the IAPS Strategic Committee and is well networked with senior schools in the UK. It would be hard to describe someone better qualified to lead Cumnor on the next stage of its journey. I have every confidence that he, with the support of my successor, James Tanner, and our able Board of Governors, will lead Cumnor energetically, intelligently and with a strong sense of purpose and values.

I would like to thank especially the Governors' Selection Panel, who have devoted themselves enthusiastically, skilfully and without thought to their own priorities, to finding and landing an exceptional school leader and they have been greatly assisted by Christian's wise but self-effacing background council. We owe them all a huge debt of gratitude.

Niall FitzGerald KBE
Chairman
Board of Governors



The Llewellyn Family