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Dear Parents and Carers,

I wrote on 15 January 2016 to advise that the board had decided to recruit a permanent Headteacher. This letter is intended to keep you updated on further developments.

The board appointed a Headteacher Recruitment and Selection Panel to oversee the arrangements for advertising and recruiting a new Headteacher with the support of the Rob Sidaway, the School's appointed BATHNES School Improvement Advisor (SIA). The Panel invited two applicants for interview last week, and after a very full programme of activities, recommended the appointment of George Samios as permanent Headteacher to the board at its meeting last night. I am pleased to advise that this recommendation was approved and takes immediate effect.

On behalf of the board, congratulations to George and a big thank you to:

- Governors: Rachel Fletcher and Damien Sawyer who joined me in forming the Panel; and Gerry Curran for conducting tours;
- Rob Sidaway, BATHNES SIA and Fi Bedding, Clerk to the Governors for providing invaluable support to the Panel;
- Kath Patterson for stepping up to provide headship cover and co-ordinating internal arrangements for the duration of the interview programme;
- Parents and students who helped develop the Headteacher application pack;
- Students and staff who engaged in the interview programme activities and gave feedback to the Panel; and
- Office staff who handled applicant enquiries and set up refreshments.

It has truly been a team effort so thank you for helping to ensure that the school has appointed the best Headteacher to deliver our mission of outstanding by 2018!

Finally, the Government has announced that all schools need to become academies by 2022 so, now that the Headteacher recruitment process has been completed, rest assured that the board will be resuming its conversations with other local schools.

I hope you and your family enjoy the Easter break.

Yours sincerely,

Claire Emery (National Leader of Governance)
Chair of Governors

