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Dear Parents and Carers

## Head of School

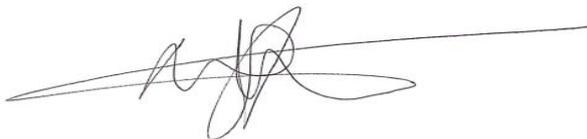
I wrote to you back in September to explain that Mrs Parker had been seconded to the position of Head of School for this academic year. I am pleased to be able to confirm, that following an interview with Trustees and the Chair of the Local Advisory Board, Mrs Parker has been appointed as the permanent Head of School at Ixworth. Trustees were unanimous in their decision to appoint Mrs Parker who has been at Ixworth since September 2016. You may be interested to know that before joining Ixworth, Mrs Parker was Head of Senior School at a small independent school and brings a wealth of experience and expertise to this role, both in terms of teaching and learning and student well-being.

In her role as Head of School, Mrs Parker will continue to lead Ixworth on a day-to-day basis and the well-established routines from this academic year will continue when we re-open and move forward. In fact, having Mrs Parker in place as Head of School, and with a lighter teaching timetable, will allow us to offer even greater support to our students and families as the national 'lockdown' is loosened in line with Government guidelines. As Executive Headteacher I will continue to play an active role, working with Mrs Parker and the Senior Leadership Team on our journey to 'Outstanding'. Students can still expect to see me in lessons and around the School.

In addition, the increase in student numbers has meant that we have been able to promote Mr Pitcock and Mr Jackson to Assistant Heads of School from September 2020. This means that they too will have a slightly lighter teaching timetable which affords them even greater time to work with their year groups and individual students. Again, we feel this is important so that we can work even more closely with you all post 'lockdown'. Both Mr Pitcock and Mr Jackson are highly experienced pastoral leaders and are ambitious for our students.

Finally, we do not yet know when we will be able to welcome staff and students back into the School building. We will follow Government advice and contact you again when we do know more. We are however recruiting additional teaching and support staff from September to join our existing team, and I will write to you again in due course to introduce them.

Yours faithfully



Mark Barrow  
**Executive Headteacher**