

Silverdale *newsbulletin*

Quick update for parents and carers of students at Silverdale School

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Communications to parents & carers

Welcome to our first ever *Silverdale News Bulletin*. This supplements our more detailed newsletters *Silverdale News*, which come out every few weeks and contain news and updates for parents and carers.

The bulletin allows us to get news out to you quickly when needed.

Please do ensure you read these newsletters, as they replace the traditional letters from the Headteacher that you used to receive.

They are also available on the school website. ■

Head of School appointments

As reported previously, we have been recruiting for a new Head of School for Silverdale. At the same time Silverdale Trust was also recruiting for the same position for Westfield School, which is looking to join our Trust in the coming months.

Applicants were put through a rigorous selection process which involved both staff and students over several days.

We are pleased to announce that Westfield School have appointed Mr Joe Birkbeck as their Head of School from 1 September 2017. Mr Birkbeck was previously an Assistant Head at Silverdale School.

We were unable to appoint to the Silverdale School post, so have now made alternative arrangements for the new academic year.



Mrs Sims and Mr Ponsford

Mr Ponsford and Mrs Sims, our current Deputy Heads at Silverdale have agreed to take on the Head of School role as a job-share from 1 September 2017 for one year.

This means that Mr Ponsford will delay his full retirement by a year.

All the appointees will work under the Executive Headship of our current Headteacher, Mrs Paul. ■

Support for students after terror attack

Today everyone in school observed a minute's silence in solidarity and remembrance for those affected by the Manchester terror attack.

Obviously this has been a difficult time for our students - some of whom were at the concert or knew people who were. We have been offering support to all students and appreciate that their reactions may change over time.

If you have any concerns and want to talk to someone at school please contact us and ask for their Key Stage Office. ■

Reminder about exceptional closure day on Monday after half term

As reported in the last issue of *Silverdale News*, the school will be closed on Monday 5 June 2017, which is the Monday just after half term. The Trustees agreed that this day is needed for additional staff training, particularly around the changes in how we work as a Trust and Teaching School.

Parents are reminded that there is also a regular Inset closure day on Monday 19 June 2017. ■

Contact us

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