

16<sup>th</sup> January 2009

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Appointment of New Headteacher from the Summer Term 2009**

I am pleased to advise you of the appointment of Joan Costello, currently a Deputy Head at The King John's School in Benfleet, as the new Headteacher for St Peter's High School.

Commenting on the appointment, Peter Elliott, Chairman of St Peter's Governing Body said: *"The Governors of St Peter's High School have great pleasure in announcing the appointment of Joan Costello as the new Headteacher. After a gruelling two day interview Joan emerged as the successful candidate. We feel Joan is the person to 'pick up the reins' from David Stephenson and take the school forward to its next level of success. We are excited about the future and look forward to working with her."*

Joan is looking forward to commencing her appointment, and she would like to pass on the following message: *"I am delighted to be appointed to the Headship of St. Peter's High School. I am very impressed with the school, its pupils and staff. I am excited about the prospect of building on the evident strengths of the school and working in partnership with the community to make the school even better."*

I am pleased that Joan Costello has been appointed as the new Headteacher of St Peter's from the start of the summer term. I have already met with her and I am sure that she will drive the school forward and ensure that standards continue to rise. Joan will be visiting St Peter's in the near future and meeting students and staff so that she is familiar with the school before the Easter break.

The future for young people in the Maldon District is dependent on the two local secondary schools and the primary partner schools working co-operatively together and I am really pleased that Joan shares this vision of education for the area.

Yours sincerely

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David Stephenson  
Headteacher

