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Dear Parent/Carer

This letter is to inform you of some of the key staff changes for next year. Overall, I am delighted to say that we are fully staffed for September having made some excellent new appointments. We've recruited from strong fields in every curriculum area, and all music tutor posts and we also have appointed a new school counsellor. You will be pleased to learn that David Shemoun is returning to Highbury Grove as Head of Maths after a two year stint at Bow School (Ms Dhillon will be staying on a maths teacher). Full details of new staff will be published in September. The all-important year leadership teams will be as follows:

	Head of School	Assistant Head	Head of Year	Director of Studies
Year 7	Leila MacTavish	Rebecca Kither	Louise Furgason	Mark West
Year 8		Rachel Landon	Nick Worlock	Peter Gillman
Year 9		Paul Gilbert	Martina Nwohia	Marie Deer
Year 10	Matt Little	Jane Oakley	Caroline Curran	Mark Wignall
Year 11		Sara Stafford	Alice McFarlane	Alex Baughan
Year 12	Aimee Lyall	Director of Studies: Tracy O'Connor		
Year 13		Director of Studies: Ro Sylvester		

However, we are also saying goodbye to various people, many of whom will be leaving us after many years' service. Staff leaving after four or more years' service are as follows:

- Jean Thomas, receptionist, retiring after 24 years' magnificent, dedicated service.
- Joyce Grey-Carter, drama teacher, leaving to work in a special school after 17 years.
- Deborah Davies, Paulette Anthony and Debjani Biswas, teaching assistants who have worked with us for 17, 16 and 10 years respectively.
- Lorna Stennett, our Business Enterprise assistant, who has worked here for 11 years.
- Harry Luchman, Humanities teacher, retiring after 42 amazing years in London comprehensive schools including 11 years at Highbury Grove.
- Hyacinth Beckford who has been our much-loved Attendance Officer for 10 years. I'm happy to say that, whilst her role will change, from September Ms Beckford will be returning as a midday supervisor, working every day.
- Peripatetic tutors Neil Findlay, Patrick Hatchett and Dimitri Scarlatto are leaving to pursue other avenues after many years inspiring students to learn drums, guitar and piano respectively, supporting countless concerts and performances.

- Patricia Cray, Science Teacher, and Andrew Pointon, Maths Teacher, who are going to Dulwich College International School in Beijing.
- Pierce Brown, formerly Director of Music, who will now be working full-time with the Music in Secondary Schools Trust with Ms White.
- Phil Bennett, Head of Languages, is going to an international school in Mexico.
- Rachel Deegan, Science Teacher, has been on maternity leave but is leaving permanently to live in Scotland.
- Niki Nikitianos, Catering Teacher, who is leaving to travel and live in Europe.
- Wesley Ryan, Science Technician, moving to a new post in Staffordshire after five years at Highbury Grove.
- Rebecca Banerjee, our lead teacher for Physics, who is moving to a school nearer home in south-west London.
- Rebecca Scott, Maths Teacher, who is moving to a new school in Devon.
- Khalil Fatine, our Head of Computing, is moving to work in Qatar.

We are also saying a fond farewell to Gabriella Nikula, Miranda Clayton, Alan Gregan, Dalya Kurer, Ossama Kanaan, Stuart Gent, Ruth Ramsden-Karelse, Louis Russell, Surina Vazquez Alvarez, Kate Petsopoulou, Christopher Buck, Thomas Pateman, Man Kit Yip, Katharine Edwards, George Vadakkel, Joseph Ajuwon, Sebastian Lee, Andrew Robb, Janine Magnin, Ben Marshall and Kieran Leonard. Each of them has given superb, dedicated service to the school during their time with us. In addition Mrs Bentley will be taking maternity leave but she will be back!

I would like to wish all of our leavers the very best for the future. They have all made a significant contribution to the students at Highbury Grove.

A full list of all staff and tutors will be issued in September alongside their contact details.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Tom Sherrington', with a long horizontal line extending to the left.

Tom Sherrington
Headteacher