



BEECHWOOD

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Dear Parents

I am sorry to announce that, after 5 years at Beechwood, Mr Lennon has decided to leave to pursue other opportunities. We understand that his immediate aim is to complete his MBA and engage in other research activities at University. He tells us he has also been offered an exciting opportunity to be involved in a research group as part of a global network of educators.

Mr Lennon is noted for his energy and commitment along with a passion for his role. As Headmaster of Beechwood Sacred Heart School, Mr Lennon has been hard working and ambitious. He has been an enthusiastic champion of education alongside the school's commitment to create opportunities for children of varying abilities.

His contributions to Beechwood include: expansion of boarding which completed a move to a fully co-educational school (boys boarding opened in September 2014) as well as significantly increasing boarding numbers; expanding the curriculum and increasing the number of A level and GCSE courses; as well as focusing on ensuring the school recruits and retains high calibre teachers. These initiatives have helped to differentiate Beechwood and contributed to the school's dedicated nurturing of each pupil.

Following a handover to be conducted shortly, the Governors are pleased to announce that Mrs Rowe will be appointed as acting Head. Mrs Rowe has been Deputy Head at Beechwood and is a highly experienced senior leader who has worked closely with Mr Lennon over the last four years, standing in as head when Mr Lennon has been away. Mr Lennon fully endorses her appointment and he and the Governors have every confidence that Mrs Rowe will continue to build on the school's strengths, enhance its Catholic ethos (which is at the root of what makes us special) and lead Beechwood to its future successes.

I am sure you will all join me in thanking Mr Lennon for his contribution to Beechwood to date, and to wish him well in his future endeavours.

Yours sincerely,

Constance Williams,
Chair of Governors.