



Dear Parents,

16th June 2021

As you are already aware, Mr Pettit will soon be leaving The Suthers School. He has accepted an exciting opportunity to pursue his passion for the development of character education which he introduced and implemented from 2017 when he was appointed as Head of School.

Mr Pettit has been proven to be an inspirational leader who has made The Suthers School unique in its approach to a rounded education, combining the five character strengths of tenacity, optimism, respect, curiosity and hard work (TORCH) with a broad academic curriculum enhanced by provision for enrichment activities. From humble beginnings in accommodation on the campus of Toothill School in Bingham, through hard work and excellent leadership, and with the support of his dedicated staff and most importantly the enthusiasm and involvement of the students and parents, Mr Pettit has built The Suthers School into one that is popular and is now oversubscribed.

Due to his leadership, Mr Pettit now leaves The Suthers School with the knowledge that the next Head of School will be able to build and expand the unique ethos and high reputation that makes The Suthers School stand out from others. To acknowledge and thank Mr Pettit for his dedication and hard work as Head of School since 2017, it is the intention to have a formal gathering towards the end of the academic year.

Prior to that and following a rigorous interview, The Local Governing Body and the Nova Education Trust are delighted to announce the appointment of Miss Nic Watkin as Head of School from September 2021.

Miss Watkin, who is currently Deputy Head of School at Newark Academy, has a proven track record of overall leadership and is a talented and dedicated leader who will bring a wealth of expertise and experience to the role. She is an excellent classroom practitioner and puts the students' requirements at the heart of her decision making. We are delighted to have made such a crucial appointment.

Miss Watkin is keenly looking forward to meeting with all members of The Suthers School community in the coming weeks as she prepares to take up her post. We would like to congratulate Miss Watkin on her appointment and I am sure that you will join us in offering a warm welcome when she takes up her post in September 2021.

Yours sincerely

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(Chair of Governors)

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