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courageous.....for
the Lord your God is
with you*

Tuesday 17 March 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: Headteacher Appointment

I am writing to inform you of the outcome of the Governing Body's selection process to appoint the next Headteacher of High Wycombe Church of England School.

We received 11 applications for the post and shortlisted three candidates. On Friday, we held a rigorous and comprehensive interview day where the candidates took part in a series of interviews with staff, governors, and students, as well as completing a range of leadership tasks. The standard of the candidates was extremely high.

After careful consideration, the Governing Body is delighted to announce that **Mrs Accastello** has been appointed as the next Headteacher of HWCE. She will take up her post on **1st September 2026**. This appointment is subject to satisfactory completion of all pre-employment checks.

Mrs Accastello brings a wealth of experience and impressed all panels with her passion for education, her alignment with our Christian vision, and her enthusiasm for the students and staff of our school. Her values strongly reflect those of HWCE, and her ideas for the future were inspiring and thoughtful.

Mrs Hawkins will continue in her role as Headteacher until **31st August 2026**, and over the coming months she will work closely with Mrs Accastello to ensure a smooth and positive transition.

We also want to express our deep gratitude for the exceptional leadership shown by **Mrs Hawkins**. Her dedication, care and commitment have been a blessing to our school community. As Mrs Hawkins approaches her retirement, we know many families will want the opportunity to express their thanks. We will be in touch soon with details of how you can be involved in celebrating her remarkable contribution and many years of devoted service.

We are confident that the school will continue to thrive under Mrs Accastello's leadership, and that the strong foundations already in place will support the next exciting chapter for HWCE.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support of our school.

Yours sincerely,

H. Robertshaw
Chair of Governors

