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Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

I am pleased to inform you that, following a rigorous interview process, Ms Shontelle Magenty has been appointed to the post of headteacher of Gosford Hill School. Ms Magenty was selected from an exceptionally strong field, and I am delighted to have been able to appoint a candidate who has the vision and drive to build on the strong foundations identified by the Ofsted inspection last year, and move the school into a new era as we prepare to move into our new building.

I would also like to share the following biographical information and a brief message from Ms Magenty. An experienced senior leader with nearly 20 years in education, Ms Magenty is currently Deputy Headteacher at The Cherwell School. She has led pastoral care, inclusion, and teaching and learning, and has driven real improvements in attendance. Working with staff, students and families, she has built a school culture where high expectations and kindness go hand in hand. Above all, she is passionate about making a difference for young people, especially those who find school difficult.

She studied 3D Design at Manchester Metropolitan University and, after a brief career in London, trained as a teacher at the University of Bath. A Design and Technology teacher by background, she has held leadership roles in schools across Swindon and Oxford, and brings a wealth of school improvement experience from these contexts. A committed lifelong learner, she has recently completed her National Professional Qualification for Headship (NPQH).

Ms Magenty writes: *'I am absolutely delighted to be appointed headteacher of Gosford Hill School. Having worked alongside the team at the school, I have seen first-hand how dedicated the staff are, how warm and ambitious the students are, and how much this community cares about its school. It will be a privilege to lead Gosford Hill, and I will give everything I have to serve your children and this community. Together, we will build on the school's strengths as we move into our new building and begin our next chapter. I look forward to meeting you all.'*

Ms Magenty will take up the position from January 2027. There will, of course, be further communications over the course of the Autumn term, and I hope that we can offer opportunities for her to meet parents, carers and families before she takes up her new role. For now, I would like to express my thanks to the staff, students and governors at the school who all contributed to a successful appointment process.

Yours faithfully,

Margaret Lloyd
Chair of Governors

