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Dear Parents

By now, you will have been informed that I have been appointed as Associate Head of School starting in September. Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you to everybody who has offered their congratulations and best wishes over the last few days. It's been incredibly humbling and reassuring to receive such a warm and supportive response from the wider Penshurst community.

I thought it might be nice if I took the opportunity to tell you a little bit about how I came to be in this position. Prior to teaching, I designed for a corporate clothing company directly after university and then moved into a management role in the retail sector. Teaching was always something that was in the back of my mind, and I finally decided to make the leap after a customer pointed out that I spent more time chatting to the children of families who came into my workplace than I did trying to sell products!

I have been teaching for twelve years now, and Penshurst has been my second home since 2014. I became Assistant Head in November 2019, just before the dreaded pandemic hit (talk about being thrown in the deep end!) and have enjoyed every diverse second of helping to run the school that I love.

Mrs Spencer's shoes will certainly be large ones to fill, and I'm sure that you will all be as sad to see her leave as I will. However, I promise you that the Penshurst pupils - your sons and daughters - are my absolute priority, and I will put my heart and soul into doing whatever I can to help them reach their full potential, both personally and academically.

I'm sure I will get the opportunity to speak to many of you at the gates before and after school, and I can't wait to get started in September.

Thank you once again for your support.

Yours faithfully

Mrs M Preston
Associate Head of School

