

22nd June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope all is well with you and your families and that you are able to enjoy more freedom as restrictions ease.

As the Chair of Governors of Mulberry School for Girls, I am extremely proud of how the school – staff, students and families have responded to the COVID- 19 pandemic with courage, respect and mutual support of one another. The values of support and reciprocity sit strong in our community.

I am writing to inform you that there will be a transition in leadership at Mulberry School for Girls from September 2021. This is because the Mulberry Schools Trust (in which Mulberry School for Girls is the founding school) is building a new school in Wapping called Mulberry Academy London Dock to open in 2023. We are also welcoming new schools into the Trust during the academic year 2021 – 2022. We will write to you with more details of this when it is confirmed.

Dr Vanessa Ogden, the Headteacher of Mulberry School for Girls and CEO of Mulberry Schools Trust, who has served the school for 16 years as Headteacher and 5 years as CEO will now hand the leadership of Mulberry School for Girls to an Acting Headteacher, Ms Alice Ward. Dr Ogden will remain on the school site as the fulltime CEO of Mulberry Schools Trust and Ms Ward will take on the responsibility of the day to day management of the school.

Ms Ward is an exceptional senior leader who started her teaching career at Mulberry School for Girls in 2008 and has been Associate Headteacher for the last 2 years. Ms Ward is a passionate and committed educationalist and has an outstanding track record of raising standards and school management. The governors have interviewed and appointed Ms Ward with confidence that she will be an excellent Acting Headteacher. Ms Ward will be supported by Ms Jill Tuffee as Associate Headteacher and by a very strong Senior Leadership team

It is exciting to have an exceptional Acting Headteacher in Ms Ward who will continue Dr Ogden's great work, inspiring students through the school's creative curriculum and local community. We also look forward to having Dr Ogden's continuing presence and her

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leadership in overseeing the quality of education in all our schools. The Mulberry Schools Trust's aim is 'Outstanding Education for All' and Dr Ogden is firmly committed to this for Mulberry School for Girls and all the schools in the Trust.

There will be plenty of opportunities to meet Ms Ward in the new academic year and in the meantime, if you have any questions please email info@mulberryschoolforgirls.org

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alice Crawley', written over a thin horizontal line.

Ms Alice Crawley
Chair of the Local Governing Body of Mulberry School for Girls