



8<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Families,

I hope you are well and staying safe during these uncertain times.

I am writing to inform you that I will be leaving Sydenham School, with Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June as my last working day. I, of course, would have wanted to share this with you and the students in person, but unfortunately the current lockdown has not allowed for this to be the case. I am leaving the school to move abroad with my partner, who has been offered a job opportunity in Singapore. I will be continuing my teaching career while in Singapore and the decision to leave is not one I have taken lightly. I will miss the Sydenham School students, families and staff immensely.

It has been a pleasure working with the year group since 2018 when they returned as year 8 students; from guiding them through their Options, helping them navigate friendships and new subjects, to seeing them all becoming confident, kind and articulate GCSE students, I have thoroughly enjoyed being part of our year group family.

I am grateful for the opportunity to have supported the students through a key part of their journey at Sydenham. It has been a privilege to work alongside you, as their families and supporters, as well as getting to know each of the students as individuals. I wish them every success in their futures at Sydenham and beyond. I believe in each and every one of them, and I am confident that they will achieve brilliant things.

I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce Ms Charlotte Johnson. Ms Johnson has been the Acting Curriculum Leader for English over the past year and was the Deputy Curriculum Leader for English prior to this. Ms Johnson will be taking up the position of YLC (Year Learning Co-Ordinator) from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020, and will be leading the year group into year 10.

Ms Johnson has worked alongside me as tutor in the year team and has taught many of our year group over the past three years. She has an excellent rapport with the students, is approachable, nurturing and works tirelessly to ensure the participation and success of every young person in the school. I know that the year group will be in extremely capable hands moving forward and wish her nothing but success in her new role.

**Below is a message from Ms Johnson:**

Dear Families,

I am delighted to have been appointed to the role of Year Learning Coordinator.

I know the year group very well, having been part of the team for two years previously as the tutor of 9N. I have also got to know many of the tutor groups over the last three years within my roles in the English department and have thoroughly enjoyed teaching them.



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I look forward to working together with you to ensure that every student is given the opportunity to flourish and achieve their very best as they move into the next stage of their education.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at [c.johnson@sydenham.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:c.johnson@sydenham.lewisham.sch.uk) from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020 if I can be of support in any way.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Pattie and Ms Johnson