



The Cavendish School

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Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Executive Headteacher

I am delighted to have the opportunity to present myself as the recently appointed Executive Headteacher of The Cavendish School. The governors of the school, in consultation with Hertfordshire Local Authority have asked me to take over the leadership of the school from Wednesday 8th February 2017.

I have had a long association with The Cavendish School and have worked closely with teachers, governors and other staff for some 15 years. As a young boy I used to compete against a range of Cavendish sports teams (usually on the losing side!) and in my early teaching career enjoyed many training and support sessions at a school which was recognised as one of the strongest in Hertfordshire, with a deserved reputation for innovation and creativity.

Clearly, there are obvious challenges facing all of us and I will be asking for the full support of all staff, students, parents and governors as we set about raising standards with immediate effect. Over the next few weeks, there will be an intense focus on all aspects of preparedness for learning, completion of homework and a clearly communicated consistency in all that we do. I will be making considerable demands of all students and even more of the staff, but have the confidence that everyone shares my determination to ensure that this is a learning community in which we can all be very proud.

During a tour of the school last week, I met some quite delightful students who were working hard and trying their best. They were supporting each other and are clearly determined to realise their potential both in and outside of the classroom. I will write to you all on a weekly basis in order that you are consistently kept abreast of all activities within our community.

Kind regards

Mr Gary Lewis
Executive Headteacher