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To all WSA and Elleray Parents and Guardians

Dear Parents

Re: Appointment of Mr Ian Lavender as Head of Windermere St Anne's School

I am delighted to inform you that with effect from 1 September 2009, the Board of Governors has appointed Mr Ian Lavender as Head of Windermere St Anne's School.

Mr Lavender will join WSA with a strong background in independent secondary school education, boarding and the Round Square ethos, having been at Gordonstoun School for ten years, where he is the Senior House Master, preceded by experience as a chemistry teacher at Cranleigh School and Eton College. In 2002 he gained the National Professional Qualification for Headship. Fit and active, his interests at Gordonstoun have included membership of the Mountain Rescue Service, cross-country, and running the Rwanda International Service Project – a particularly challenging responsibility, being the first school group to work in Rwanda since the genocide of 1994.

Mr Lavender has broad experience that extends well beyond teaching, including an early career in management consulting, audit and IT with Anderson Consulting and KPMG Management Consultants, service with the Territorial Army, and a degree in Chemistry from the University of Oxford. He is highly respected at Gordonstoun, interviewed extremely well, has exemplary references, and is supported ably by his wife, Jacqui, who is a GP, and has three children – age 15, 13 and 8 years.

Whilst Mr Lavender will take over from Mr Graham during July – August 2009, in readiness for the 2009-10 academic year, it is planned that he will visit WSA regularly during the next two terms to get to know the school and staff and to meet parents and students. The first occasion will be on the evening of Wednesday 10 December from 7.00 to 8.30pm, when there will be an opportunity for parents to meet Mr Lavender informally.

In the meantime, Mr Graham is continuing to do a fine job at WSA and will work closely with Mr Lavender to ensure that their handover is both comprehensive and seamless.

The Board of Governors sees the appointment of Mr Lavender as an important milestone in the development of the School and one that we are confident will bring significant benefits.

Yours sincerely



Peter Redhead
Chairman