

Tuesday 22 April 2025

Dear parents and carers,

Following the announcement from Mr James regarding his upcoming retirement at the end of this academic year, the Caroline Chisholm Education Trust Board have been working hard to find a suitable successor. After completing the selection process at the end of last term, we are pleased to announce that Chris Bishop will be joining us as Principal from 1 September 2025. Chris has 25 years of experience in the education sector, and is an experienced Headteacher, currently leading a secondary school in Coventry.

A father of three, Chris was born in Kenya to educator parents and has a love for travel, culture and diversity with a global perspective for education which he brings into his leadership. He studied physics at Warwick University before entering the teaching profession in Coventry and Warwickshire schools, where he focused on building academic success and helping students develop essential life skills in an inclusive and supportive environment.

Outside of education, Chris has a wide range of interests being a pianist, painter and pilot. His strong connection to Africa has inspired school-based initiatives that broaden students' horizons and perspectives. Chris is absolutely delighted to be joining us and leading our school into the future.

Chris says: "I feel thrilled and incredibly lucky to be leading Caroline Chisholm School from September as we head into this next chapter together. I'm passionate about making sure every child and young person here has the chance to shine and that 'no-one ever gets left behind'. We'll be working hard to create some truly amazing, once-in-a-lifetime opportunities for our students throughout their school journey that helps every student thrive and enjoy unforgettable experiences. I'm really looking forward to getting to know everyone and working alongside the brilliant CCS staff and young people in the coming months as we explore what the future of education looks like, both here and beyond, as we shape the future of education in our ever-changing world."

On behalf of the Caroline Chisholm Trust Board, we very much look forward to Mr Bishop joining us as Principal at Caroline Chisholm School and I am sure you will all join me in welcoming him to our School.

Until then we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Mr James for his continued hard work and support.

Thank you,



Louise Samways
Chair of Trustees