

THORPE ST ANDREW SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM



Retirement of Principal

Dear Parents

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I am writing to let you know that Ian Clayton is resigning from his post as Principal of our school with effect from 31 August 2019. I have accepted his resignation with sadness at the loss of his leadership to the school but also with support for the personal decision he has made.

In his 18 years of headship at Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form Mr Clayton has been a source of strength and inspiration. Our school has developed in a multitude of positive and significant ways during that time as a direct result of his vision. To him, and to all staff working under his guidance and leadership during those years, we owe the very high standing in which we are held by the local community and by Ofsted. To him we owe the expression and implementation of that vision of 'Success for All': a vision that staff and Governors have striven to put into practice for our students.

Our students' wellbeing and achievement will remain at the heart of all we do - not least the outcome of the ensuing selection process for Mr Clayton's replacement. I am glad that we shall not entirely lose his guidance, since Mr Clayton will continue working part time as Chief Executive Officer of The Yare Education Trust. In that context I want to reassure you that the Trust is absolutely committed to ensuring that each of its constituent schools retains its unique identity, so that our ethos continues whilst our school develops and grows with new times and new thinking.

School Governors will be looking for a worthy successor: an experienced leader who can take the school forward to its next stage of development. We have begun putting in place the selection procedure to recruit the new Principal in time for September. As you would expect, we are developing a discriminating and stringent process which will involve students and staff as well as all Governors and necessary representatives of The Yare Education Trust.

There will be many opportunities to say goodbye and thank you to Mr Clayton over the course of the coming months, but I want for now publicly to express my own and Governors' collective grateful thanks to him for his unsurpassed contribution to the life of Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form.

Yours sincerely

Linda Steynor

Dr Linda Steynor
Chair of Governors
Chair of The Yare Education Trust

18 January 2019

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Bursary - Reminder

The 16-19 Bursary Fund is a Government scheme set up to financially support those students who face significant financial barriers to continue in education Post-16.

There are two different funds which are available to students. They are:

Mandatory Bursary

This Bursary is for those students who face the most serious financial barriers and are considered the most vulnerable. Students who fall into the following categories will qualify and be eligible to receive a bursary of up to **£1,200 a year**:

A young person in care, a care leaver, a young person in receipt of Income Support or Universal Credit in their own name, a disabled learner in receipt of Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance/or Personal Independence Payments.

Discretionary Bursary

Eligibility for the Discretionary Bursary takes into account various aspects of family income and evidence of this will be required to process applications. For the 2018-2019 academic year the threshold of household income to be eligible is up to **£25,000 per annum or less**.

Should you be in any doubt whether you are **eligible for a bursary** or simply require further information on the bursary please contact Mrs Wheatley in the Sixth Form Office 01603 497767.

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Year 11 Hoodies

Order forms for the Year 11 Class of 2019 Hoodies are still available from the South Site Reception. Sample sizes and colours are available from Mrs Allen. This year we have managed to secure the price at £20.50. The closing date for orders is **Wednesday 13 February 2019**.



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 22 January 2019 - Year 9 Preference Evening

Monday 4 February 2019 - Year 11 Pre Public Examinations (Two Weeks)

Monday 18 February 2019 - Half Term Starts

Friday 22 February 2019 - Half Term Ends

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