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Dear Capital School Families,

I am delighted to be joining Capital School as your new Head of Secondary and feel both excited and humbled to be part of a school with such clear ambition for its young people.

My career in education spans more than twenty years and has been shaped by senior leadership at the highest levels of secondary education, both in the UK and internationally. I have served as a headteacher and senior leader, leading whole-school improvement, curriculum design, professional development and system-level change, alongside coaching and developing other leaders. I studied Political Science at the University of Edinburgh and hold a PGCE in History and Social Science from St Martin's. I also hold the NPQH, have worked as a leadership coach for ASCL, served as a senior examiner for GCSE History and A Level Sociology, and have contributed chapters to academic publications in the field.

What drives me most as an educator is a deep commitment to helping students discover their potential - academically, creatively, and personally. I believe that education should open doors, build confidence, and create clear pathways to meaningful futures. This is why I am so enthusiastic about Capital's focus on STEAM, innovation, and preparing students for the opportunities of tomorrow.

I have been inspired by the work already underway at Capital under Mr Assheton's leadership - particularly the strong culture of learning, the commitment to excellence, and the exciting developments around your new facilities. I am eager to support this journey by working closely with staff to further strengthen teaching, curriculum, and student pathways, ensuring that every child is both challenged and supported to succeed.

On a personal level, I will be relocating to Bahrain with my son, Reuben, who has a passion for music production and sound engineering. I also love travel and adventure and later this year I am planning trips to Greece, Georgia, and Jordan. I enjoy surfing and am keen to take up paddleboarding here in Bahrain.

I very much look forward to meeting you, hearing your hopes for your children, and working together to make Capital School a place where every student thrives, belongs, and succeeds.

With best wishes,

Samantha Reynolds

Head of Secondary

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