



Wednesday, 1st July 2026

Dear Capital School Families,

RE: Message from the Chairman

I am delighted to announce the appointment of **Mr. David Aitchison** as the new Principal of Capital School.

Mr. Aitchison brings more than twenty years of international school leadership experience. He joins us from Wycombe Abbey School, where he served as Executive Headmaster, leading a large through-school community across its academic, pastoral, and boarding provision.

Throughout his distinguished career, Mr. Aitchison has held several senior leadership positions, including Headmaster of Heathfield International School and Head of Campus at St. Stephen's International School. He also played a key role in establishing the British School of Ulaanbaatar, successfully securing British Schools Overseas accreditation during its formative years.

His expertise encompasses curriculum development, academic excellence, safeguarding, pastoral care, and whole-school operations. A qualified science teacher, Mr. Aitchison holds a Master's degree in International Education, the National Professional Qualification for Headship (NPQH), and is currently completing a Doctorate in Education with a focus on International Leadership. He is also a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and serves as a Trustee of the charity *Talk The Talk*.

Mr. Aitchison believes that children thrive when they feel a genuine sense of belonging, placing strong relationships, well-being, and high expectations at the heart of school life. These principles closely reflect the values and vision that define Capital School and guide our continued commitment to providing an exceptional educational experience.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I extend a warm welcome to Mr. Aitchison. I look forward to introducing him to our school community and to the exciting journey ahead as he leads Capital School into the 2026/2027 academic year.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Adel Al Safar

Chairman

Capital School Bahrain