

29th April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to be able to share with you that we have appointed a new Headteacher to lead St Martins School from 1st September 2021. An existing Special School Headteacher Sabrina Hobbs will join the school at this exciting time.

Prior to interview Sabrina visited St Martins and was blown away by the sense of family values and the opportunities that students have to thrive. Her high levels of motivation to work within the St Martins and Shaw Education Trust family shone through during her interview. Sabrina is keen to ensure that the ethos and values instilled at our school continue to be upheld.

The interview process was incredibly rigorous and involved a wide range of people including governors, staff and students. Everyone's views were taken into account and the panel believes that Sabrina is the right person to take St Martins School to its next stage of brilliance.

Sabrina has been a senior leader in special schools for 14 years, including 5 as Headteacher. She is a core member of the Headteachers Roundtable (a national group of leading Headteachers) and a member of the national Medicines in Schools group. Sabrina helped to form the All-Party Parliamentary group for Special Educational Needs and Disability and was one of a few number of Headteachers who gave evidence to the Government's Education Select Committee when they reviewed the Special Educational Needs system in England. Sabrina has a strong desire to ensure that the links she has made and the knowledge she has developed over time, directly benefit the students at St Martins. One of Sabrina's many strengths that shone through is how highly motivated she is to ensure we do everything we can to 'prepare our students for adulthood'.

Sabrina is very much looking forward to meeting everyone within the school community and I know that she will be visiting again prior to the summer holidays. We are very confident that the staff team, students and parents will enjoy speaking with her and listening to her vision for the next phase of the school's development.

Debbie and the senior leadership team will work with Sabrina to ensure a smooth start to the next academic year.



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Thank you for your continued support of our school. We are very proud of the positive relationships between parents and the staff team.

Yours sincerely,

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Phil Harrison
Regional Director, Shaw Education Trust



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