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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am excited to be writing to you today, to let you know my good news! I was recently promoted within school, and am now the Deputy Head Teacher. This is such a wonderful opportunity and I am very pleased to be able to share a little bit about myself, and what this new role means for your child while they are at Lampard.

I have been teaching for over 17 years (having initially worked as an editor in a publishing company). I have taught in schools in Tanzania and Cyprus as well as here in North Devon. I joined the Lampard team in 2017, and worked as a Lower School and Upper School tutor before becoming the Assistant Head Teacher responsible for Teaching and Learning, and leading the Middle School phase. Now, as the Deputy Head Teacher, I get to work across the whole school, ensuring the quality of our EMPOWER curriculum is of the highest standard and that each and every child gets the very best educational offer whilst at Lampard. That's a very exciting role!

I look forward to seeing many of you in the near future, as restrictions lift and we begin to open our doors to parent events and celebration opportunities. I am very happy to meet with any of you to discuss your ideas for making our school the best it can be.

The first thing I aim to achieve is to ensure all our students have their voices heard in The Big Ask. This is an online survey run by Dame Rachel de Souza, the Children's Commissioner for England. I will spend time in each class and support students to be active citizens, recording their views on what children need to live happier lives. You can read more about this at [The Big Ask | Children's Commissioner for England](https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/the-big-ask/) ([childrenscommissioner.gov.uk](https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk))

I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce Sophia Marquis as the new Assistant Head Teacher leading the Middle School phase. Sophia has been at Lampard since 2013, and has the exciting new job title of 'Digital Teaching and Learning Lead'. Sophia is uniquely talented in technology, is a trained Apple teacher, and leads on our online remote learning offer and also on Evidence for Learning. She will soon be running workshops to support families who have not yet started using Evidence for Learning and I am definitely leaving Middle School in very safe, experienced hands.

With very best regards,

Jennie Harvey

Deputy Head Teacher

