



# The Venerable Bede Church of England (Aided) Secondary School



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Dear Parent/Carer

You will be aware that the Governing Body have been seeking to appoint a new Principal for the school. I am pleased to be able to tell you that following a rigorous two day appointing process we have been successful. Mrs Gill Booth who is currently Deputy Head Teacher at Oxclose Community School in Washington has been offered the post and has accepted. Mrs Booth will take up her new post at the beginning of the new academic year in September. The staff and Governing Body look forward to working with her in continuing to move the school forward. The appointing panel was impressed with her vision for the school, her passion for improving attainment and her desire to make the Venerable Bede Church of England Secondary School one of the best schools in Sunderland.

Current arrangements within the Senior Leadership Team will stay as they were last term with Mr David Airey continuing in the role of Acting Principal. Mr Mike Davison, who has recently retired as Head Teacher of Ian Ramsey Church of England Secondary School in Stockton, will continue to support the school as a consultant for three days a week. Mrs Sheila Robinson continues in her role as temporary Vice Principal.

I can assure you that much hard work continues to support the education of our students from staff, governors and the Local Authority. We believe that we are moving forward and now having appointed a new Principal, the building blocks are in place to further develop and improve our school.

Yours sincerely

**The Venerable Stuart Bain**  
**Chair of Governors**



committed to  
inclusive staff  
development

