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Dear Parents,

After a detailed review of our Admissions Policy, involving our Trustees and Governors, we are announcing plans to seek the required consents and approval to become an all girls' school from September 2022. In turn, to simplify our admissions process, Pre-Nursery and Nursery will become the main entry points into St Mary's School.

In recent years, boys have only remained at St Mary's until the end of Nursery with girls continuing to pursue their studies at the School until age 11. After a phased transition to accommodate the boys already registered at the School, and upon approval our Pre-Nursery and Nursery classes will solely include girls from September 2022. There will be no change to the outstanding educational opportunities provided for boys who remain at the School until this time.

We have decided to seek this change in order to better meet the high demand for girls' places in our Nursery, but also to embrace fully and focus on providing an inspirational all girls' education. We are confident that the girls will continue to thrive within an environment which encourages them to pursue enthusiastically their talents and build self-belief and resilience.

We recognise that our move to become an all girls' school will mean that some families, particularly those with sibling boys, may be disappointed that they can no longer join our unique St Mary's community. We will, of course, support these families to find the best alternative solution for their son and to achieve this process smoothly. In anticipation of this development, we have built strong relationships with a number of excellent local nurseries which we would have no hesitation in recommending and will be more than happy to meet with parents to share these recommendations.

Alongside this planned change to our Admissions Policy, we continue to challenge ourselves to provide the best possible all-round educational opportunities for our pupils. A particularly rewarding development has been the significant investment in delivering the most up-to-date and stimulating teaching environments throughout the School. I am particularly excited to see the girls' faces when they see the new Global Learning Centre on the top floor after the Easter holidays!

Furthermore, I am delighted to announce that Mr Martin Otter will be joining the School as our new Director of Studies in April. Martin's expertise and passion for teaching will enable us to enrich further our rigorous curriculum and continue to achieve academic excellence within the School's happy, nurturing environment.

HEADMISTRESS: MRS HARRIET CONNOR-EARL

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I am proud that these developments support our commitment to being a forward-thinking, innovative school that celebrates the achievements of every pupil.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries.

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Harriet Connor-Earl
Headmistress