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Dear Parents, Carers and Students

## Appointment of New Headteacher at St Dunstan's School

I am delighted to inform you that following a rigorous interview process, Mr Paul Balkwill has been appointed as the new Headteacher of St Dunstan's School from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024.

Mr Balkwill is currently the Deputy Headteacher at Buckler's Mead Academy in Yeovil, where he has had a significant impact on school improvement. He is passionate about the opportunity to take on the mantle of Headteacher at St Dunstan's and is keen to continue building on the excellent progress that the school has made since joining the MNSP Trust. He has a wealth of experience covering curriculum, quality of education and pastoral care. Therefore, I anticipate a smooth transition in September, when Mr Balkwill assumes the role of Headteacher at St Dunstan's.

During the next two terms, Mr Balkwill will be spending some time at the school to get to know staff and students and to familiarise himself with the school's processes and procedures.

I know that you will join me in welcoming him to the St Dunstan's community as he begins his journey as leader of the school.

Yours faithfully

Alun Williams

CEO