



CHINTHURST SCHOOL
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Dear Parents

Maxine Hulme, Chair of Governors, has shared the good news about a new formal partnership between Chinthurst School and Reigate St Mary's Preparatory and Choir School (RSM) and Reigate Grammar School (RGS) securing a bright and secure future.

To be Headteacher of Chinthurst School is an honour, but let me be clear: I only would have taken this step having received the certainty of long-term support from RGS and RSM Governors and I now have only one priority – the continued and increased success of Chinthurst School.

As Deputy Headteacher, I have been an important part of the success story at RSM over the last 10 years since it formed a similar partnership with RGS. Just over a year ago, the school was judged as 'excellent' in all categories by the [Independent Schools Inspectorate \(ISI\)](#) and has more than doubled in size since partnering with RGS allowing significant investment in facilities. I have learnt two key lessons: firstly, how to enable that success at Chinthurst; and secondly, it is imperative that Chinthurst School retains its distinctive ethos and, yes, that includes its staff, name, uniform, traditions and, most importantly, its lovely caring atmosphere.

As Headteacher, I will cherish all that is so great about Chinthurst School. I will work tirelessly, learning from and working with the children, parents, staff and Governors to add value wherever we can. Will things change? Any good school is aware of its non-negotiable cornerstones of ethos and values but equally is committed to continuous improvement. So, yes, there will be changes but these will be carefully and thoughtfully managed and will only ever be to give your children the best chance of an exceptional education for life. I have the highest aspirations for this school and your children and I have the backing of both the Chinthurst School Governors and the RGS and RSM Governors to make that happen. This is a long-term commitment for a certain future.

My values and priorities match those of Chinthurst School – I see that the school ethos is so important to you all. Education is about far more than academic achievement alone. Our pupils' lives are full of drama, music, sport and a host of other activities that stretch and inspire them. We seek to educate the whole child and set them on the path to fulfilled lives and happy adulthood. More importantly, through the foundation-values of the school and my own personal daily motivation, I know that children need to be looked after and understood, to feel safe and happy. I promise that we will look after them.

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Chinthurst School boys and girls will progress to Epsom, St John's, Reigate Grammar School and other leading senior schools, as they always have. They will do so having loved their school days, having secured lifetime memories and lifelong friendships. They will leave ready to grasp all that life beyond Chinthurst School has to offer because they will have secure self-esteem, transferrable learning and will be ready!

I look forward to getting to know you and your children and this process will start at the open meeting this evening at 7.30pm here at Chinthurst, as communicated by Mrs Hulme. For those that cannot attend, we will host a second open meeting on Tuesday at 5:30pm. Please do let me know if I can help you in any way.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher