



St Andrew the Apostle

Greek Orthodox School



10 February 2023

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Dr Philip Hills as the new headteacher of St Andrew the Apostle Greek Orthodox School.

Dr Hills will join the school in June and will lead the community as it prepares to move into its new permanent building. He is an active member of his local Anglican Church and, since his student days, has had a deep affinity with Greek Orthodoxy.

Having been educated at a state school, Dr Hills gained a First Class Honours degree in Classics from Trinity College, Cambridge, where he went on to complete a PhD.



He has enjoyed a distinguished and varied career, including headship in both the maintained and independent sectors. He led Oxford High School to its best ever A Level results in 2019, taking it into the top 20 schools in the country. As a Classicist, he has a deep love of the Greek and Latin languages and culture, and has inspired large numbers of students at his current comprehensive school to take Latin to GCSE.

Dr Hills is committed to a broad and exciting academic curriculum as well as plentiful opportunities for extracurricular activities, especially music and sport. He has strengthened girls and boys football in every school in which he has worked.

Dr Hills will take up his post on 5th June 2023 after half-term and in advance of that has started working with the school to be ready to take over from Mr Easton. He will be meeting governors, senior leaders, school staff and students between now and June and he is keen to introduce himself to parents at forthcoming events and surgeries.

Mr Easton will of course remain as headteacher during this critical period for Year 11 and Year 13 until Dr Hills starts in June and he will remain as one of the trust's advisers to the school. I am sure you will wish to join with us in thanking him for his unwavering commitment and dedication to the school over many years, but in particular since last May, when he has spent so much time away from or travelling from his home on the South Coast.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mary Karaolis'.

Mary Karaolis, Chair of Governors

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Colin Mackinlay, CEO of Russell Education Trust