

LEADERSHIP UPDATE

NEW PRINCIPAL, THE BRITISH SCHOOL OF BEIJING, SHUNYI

Dear parents,

As you are aware, following Andy Puttock's selection as the new Education Director for Nord Anglia Education, we have been undertaking an extensive search to choose a new principal for The British School of Beijing, Shunyi (BSB). Students, parents and staff were involved in the search and I am pleased to inform you that we have now appointed an excellent candidate. Richard Thornhill will join the school on 1st May 2017.

Richard is a highly experienced educator with over two decades as a school leader. He currently leads a group of schools in London where he has driven the development of schools in the nursery, primary, secondary and private sectors to great success. He has also been appointed as a 'National Leader in Education' and served on the boards of the national Teaching and Development Agency and the National College for School Leadership. Prior to this, he led a number of high-achieving UK schools.

Richard is committed to delivering an education which enables students to achieve very high academic standards while also focusing on the development of the whole child, to support their growth into global citizens. He is passionate about creating new opportunities for all BSB's students, and using the power of the Nord Anglia Education family of schools to develop a world class learning experience. We believe that this, together with his experience and commitment to our ambitious philosophy, ideally positions him to build upon Andy's work to date and ensure that BSB continues to flourish.

Andy and the school's excellent senior leadership team will work alongside Richard as he joins the school to ensure a smooth transition until Andy officially takes up his new role during June. Andy remains highly committed to BSB for the remainder of this school year and is focussed on continuing the school's success and development with the entire school community. He will, of course, also continue to closely support the school's development as Nord Anglia's Education Director.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Andy for all that he has achieved at BSB – he will undoubtedly be missed, but I'm sure you will join me in wishing him the best in his new role and also warmly welcoming Richard to the school.

Kind regards

Andrew Fitzmaurice
CEO, Nord Anglia Education