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SENIOR SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM

September 28th, 9.30am - 12.30pm

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MEET THE HEAD

Simon Cooke, Langley School

What are you most proud of at your school?

There are numerous aspects of Langley School that fill me with pride. It is incredibly rewarding to hear from our alumni as to how their school experience has positively impacted their lives. The best moments are those when we see pupils surpass their expectations and attain significant personal goals. Growth and achievement are truly worth celebrating.

What was your path to becoming headteacher?

My career began in the 1990s as a PE teacher in Bedfordshire. I have held various positions of responsibility, including head of year, assistant headteacher and vice principal for nine years at a large secondary school.

Two years ago, I transitioned to the independent sector, joining Langley School as senior deputy head. My passion for Langley School quickly grew, making my role as headmaster of the senior school a genuine honour.

In addition to my teaching career, I have mentored senior leaders and served as a governor in various schools including primaries, so have a comprehensive appreciation of education from Year 1 through to sixth form.

Why did you want to become a headteacher?

Becoming a headteacher was not always my ultimate goal. Throughout my career, I have consistently sought increased responsibilities and strived to excel in each role. My focus has always been on building high-performing teams that deliver with quality, consistency, and care.

Each career step has been carefully evaluated for both achievability and desirability, making every position a considered choice. This role as headteacher is the culmination of decades of thoughtful and deliberate career decisions.

What's your favourite way to communicate school news with parents?

Effective communication with parents is achieved via multiple channels, as everyone has their own preference. My personal preference is always face-to-face interaction, as it creates direct and



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meaningful engagement. We have also seen huge increases in social media engagement.

What's the most surprising thing about you that people may not know?

In my mid-twenties I went mountaineering in the Himalayas as part of a team that made a first ascent of a mountain peak in the remote Zaskar Region.

How do you relax outside of school?

I enjoy watching various sports, particularly

rugby, and I stay active by running. I am also learning to play the piano.

If you hadn't become a teacher, what would you have done instead?

During my gap year I worked as an outdoor pursuits instructor, with a view to this being my post-university career.

I had a passion for teaching activities such as canoeing, rock climbing and mountaineering. ●

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