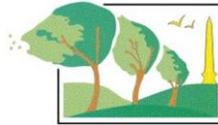


# Court Fields School

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Dear Parents and Students of Court Fields School

I wanted to write to say that The Castle Partnership Trust is very impressed with how well the school is doing and were very pleased that HMI inspectors recognised this in November and took the school out of Special Measures.

As you know Ms Bennett has been the Head of School since September. This role is responsible for the day to day leadership and management of the school, working on your behalf to ensure that the school runs smoothly and that students make good progress. It is not the same role as Headteacher however. My role as Executive Headteacher has been to support Ms Bennett as Head of School and to have strategic leadership of Court Fields. For example, I have worked for the school in liaising with the Department for Education, the Funding Agency and other duties that Headteachers carry out as part of their normal role, such as bidding for extra money on your behalf. The extra improvements that are being made to the site are as a result of such bids.

The Trust is delighted to announce that Court Fields is in a position to recruit its own Headteacher who will assume full responsibility for the school, although I will still have oversight of the school to ensure that its rapid progress continues. This appointment is a mark of confidence and recognition that Court Fields is making superb progress as a school and I would like to congratulate you, the students and parents, for making this so and supporting the very excellent staff at Court Fields. This is an exciting time for Court Fields. You deserve your own Headteacher who can take the school to the next stage and reach not only Good but Outstanding, as I know you will soon be.

We are legally required to advertise the Headteacher post nationally and I know you will want us to appoint the best person for the job.

The governors from Court Fields are key to this appointment and will be meeting to shortlist the candidates. The interviews will be held on Wednesday 4-Friday 6 June at Court Fields and students will be fully involved in the process.

You will help us to make that decision and I am very happy for students to let me know on the three days of interviews if they have any views. Knowing how articulate and confident you are, I am quite sure you will.

In the meantime, good luck to all of you who have exams. I know we are expecting you to do even better than last year and, to all of you, thank you for the significant contribution you are making to your school and to your own success.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'S. Watson'.

SARAH WATSON  
Executive Head  
The Castle Partnership Trust