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Dear Parents / Carers

I am delighted to announce the appointment of our new Chair of Governors, Mohammad Haroon. Mr Haroon takes over following Martin Beavis's retirement from office following ten years of excellent service.

Mr Haroon is a former Senior Civil Servant who has wide ranging national leadership experience in the Departments of Health and Education as well as HM Treasury. He has also served on the Boards of local authorities, as a Non-Executive Director of a Health Trust and on the Boards of national and international charities. Amongst his many roles he led the national Connexions Service providing services to young people in secondary schools in England. Mr Haroon continues to have business interests in logistics and land/housing development. He is passionate about public service and particularly about education's power to transform the lives of young people so they can do their best for themselves, their families and society more generally.

Mr Haroon said, "It is an honour to take over as Chair of the Governing Board at Abbot Beyne. Abbot Beyne has a great history, providing exceptional education for students of all backgrounds. The staff work tirelessly to develop students' abilities, character and confidence to provide the best foundation for a happy and rewarding life. I aim to work with the Governors to ensure we continue with the development and improvements you would expect of a forward-looking school. My ambition is for the school to be Outstanding through great leadership and teaching; in collaboration with all those who can ensure our students make the most of their time at Abbot Beyne - students, parents, carers, staff and governors. I am looking forward to leading Abbot Beyne School over the coming years and working with my colleagues for the success of every young person who joins our school, and to hand Abbot Beyne on to the next generation in even better shape."

Mr Haroon joins Abbot Beyne as once again we celebrated strong GCSE examination results this summer. In the comparative data that was released by the Department for Education last week, Abbot Beyne's Progress 8 score was +0.16, above both the national average of 0.0 and the Staffordshire average of -0.09. This is independent evidence that students at Abbot Beyne make more progress than students nationally. When Abbot Beyne is compared to the family of schools whose students had similar achievement at Key Stage 2 it is ranked 5th out of 55 schools. The details of these successes can be found at <https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/school/124449>

Yours sincerely

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