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PRESS RELEASE

Nottingham Girls' High School Appoints New Head

Nottingham Girls' High School has appointed Julie Keller as Head, as staff and students prepare to wave a fond farewell to Sue Gorham, who is set to retire after 10 hugely successful years at the helm.

Mrs Gorham's successor, Julie, will step in to the role with effect from Easter, after five years under her belt as Deputy Head at the school.

Preparation for the transition has been underway at the school for some time. In September Ms Keller adopted the role of Executive Head of the Junior School as part of a wider strategy to get to know the girls across all year groups, and take a lead role in every area of school management, before she takes up the headship at Easter.



Julie Keller gained her degree in Economic and Social History at the University of Leicester before achieving her PGCE teaching qualification at the University of Nottingham. An advocate of single-sex education, Julie has strengthened the pastoral care structure at the school and implemented a number of initiatives to support girls in their learning, including mentoring sessions, exam technique classes, subject coaches and peer mentors.

Julie Keller said: "I'm delighted to take on the role of Head of Nottingham Girls' High School. It's a truly special place - one I will be incredibly proud to lead. Sue and I have been working closely together, particularly in the past year, to ensure the transition will be seamless. My goal as Head remains the same as always – to give each girl the opportunities and support she needs to become the best she can be. I wish Sue all the very best in her retirement and look forward to an exciting and successful future for all of us here at Nottingham Girls' High School."

During Sue Gorham's 10 years as Head of Nottingham Girls' High School, academic standards have gone from strength to strength. Sue has also spearheaded the investment and transformation of the school's facilities, including the extension of the Junior School, the complete refurbishment and upgrade of the science labs and the creation of the Sixth Form Centre, outdoor learning area and the soon to be opened £9m SPACe performing arts centre.

Sue added: "This is the right time for me to step down, for the school and for me personally. We are entering a new era, celebrating our 140 years has given us the opportunity to celebrate our history and the enormous success of our girls over the years. Now is the time to look forward and forge ahead with plans to ensure that the school remains the vibrant, positive and successful place it has always been, to be enjoyed by generations of girls to come. I'm immensely proud of all we have achieved in the last 10 years and I'm delighted to pass the torch to Julie, who has already earned the utmost respect of staff, parents and students and is going to make an outstanding Head."

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About Nottingham Girls' High School

Nottingham Girls' High School is an independent day school for girls between the ages of 4 – 18. Part of the GDST (Girls' Day School Trust) Nottingham Girls' High School is the largest school within the group with more than 1,000 pupils.

About the GDST

The GDST (Girls' Day School Trust) is the leading group of independent girls' schools in the UK, with nearly 4,000 staff, and 20,000 students between the ages of three and 18. As a charity that owns and runs a family of 24 schools and two Academies in England and Wales, it reinvests all its income in its schools. Founded in 1872, the GDST has a long history of pioneering innovation in the education of girls. For a list of GDST schools go to www.gdst.net

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