

# THE SACRED HEART LANGUAGE COLLEGE

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Dear parents/carers,

My name is Nicola Walsh and I am the new Headteacher of The Sacred Heart Language College for girls. It's with great pride that I assume this post at an outstanding institution, a College which was led by my predecessor, Miss Geraldine Higgins, for such a prolonged period of success. I take this opportunity to wish her well in her new role as the chief executive officer of the Academy trust.

I come to this post as the former Vice Principal of St. Dominic's Sixth Form College, and in that role I have met many former students of our college who chose to continue their education there. Alongside our academy trust school partners, this is a relationship that I am keen to continue with and purposefully develop for the benefit of our students.

I went to school locally at St. James school, Colindale and furthered my education at St Mary's college, Twickenham and at the Institute of Education, London university. My journey through education was challenging and would not have succeeded without the timeless dedication of the educators who accompanied me along the way. It is, then, with extreme professional delight, that I can tell you that as a result of our recent inspection by Ofsted, with the conclusion being that there would be no change to our grade, we are still an outstanding school. We are extremely lucky that the provision of teaching and learning is at such a high standard and our whole school community needs to be congratulated for this continued high level of teaching and support from all of our staff.

One area of concern, however, has been the highlighting of a reduced level of behaviour demonstrated by our students whilst they are in school. Our students deserve to learn in a calm and structured environment and incidents of negative behaviour only hinder the vast majority of students ability to learn effectively. As parents/carers, you will already be aware of the standards to which we hold our students accountable. School should be a happy and safe place in which to learn. Persistent episodes of negative behaviour, however, will not be tolerated for the sake of all within our school community. It is with that in mind that I ask you, as parents/carers, to reinforce this message, alongside uniform regulations, to our students so that there is no misunderstanding of the consequences of bad behaviour.

I very much look forward to meeting with you all in due course and wish our students a happy and successful new term.

Kind regards

Miss Nicola Walsh  
Headteacher

