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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Formal Partnership between Cantonian High School and Cwmbran High School

I write to inform you that Cantonian High School's governing body met recently to consider a request from Torfaen local authority and the Education Achievement Service (EAS) for our school to provide support to Cwmbran High School. At the meeting, governors fully considered the proposal and I can confirm they have agreed to enter into a partnership, which will commence from January 2021 until January 2023, in the first instance.

As part of the partnership, the governing body have agreed that Mrs Gill will take on the strategic responsibility to lead both the schools as Executive Headteacher. In this role, Mrs Gill will spend 3 days per week at Cwmbran High School to work with leaders, staff and the school's governing body to help bring about improvements in provision and standards. She will spend the remaining 2 days per week at Cantonian High School. To support this work, Mr Jones, Deputy Headteacher, will take up the role of Head of School and will be responsible for the day-to-day leadership and management of the school.

As Executive Headteacher, Mrs Gill will continue to play a strategic role in the school on our journey to 'excellence'. She will continue to work closely with the Head of School, other leaders and staff to ensure our pupils continue to receive the best possible education.

Over the past two years, as a high performing school, Cantonian has provided support to other schools, most recently Abersychan High School. In this capacity the school has provided support in leadership and learning and teaching. We therefore believe that the leaders in our school have the capacity to undertake this work effectively and without impacting negatively on the overall quality of education provided to our pupils.

I am sure you will wish Mrs Gill and the leadership team well in their efforts.

Yours sincerely

BARBARA CONNELL

Chair of Governors

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