



ACTING PRINCIPALS: MRS J GRAHAM/MS G FERGUSON

Tuesday 10th June 2025

Dear Students,

I am delighted to introduce myself to you as your new Principal. It is with a great sense of pride and excitement that I accept this role, and I am grateful to the Board of Governors for entrusting me with this opportunity. I feel honoured and privileged to soon lead a proud and vibrant Belfast Model School for Girls with such a rich culture and history.

Just a little bit about me, nine years ago, I moved from England to Northern Ireland with my wife and two daughters and during this time I have worked in three schools, most recently as the Principal of Breda Academy in South Belfast for six years. I have worked in Education for twenty-four years of which fifteen years have been as part of a Senior Leadership Team. However, I joined the field of education later in life than most, as I left school at sixteen and worked as a qualified electrician for many years with some overlap in my university studies and teacher training.

I am very much looking forward to meeting and getting to know each and every one of you, not just by name, but to build positive working relationships. This way, I can take an active role in supporting your education and growth. It is my ambition that, while you are a student and by the time you leave school, you will have developed a growth mindset, believe there are no limits to what you can achieve with focus and hard work, be fearless and brave, ambitious, and resilient enough to overcome the challenges you will face on your journey through life. Ultimately, you will become a future change-maker, taking an active role in shaping and making Northern Ireland and the world a better place for us all. Imagine this!

As we begin this exciting journey together, it is important to me that I listen to you and your feedback to inform and shape the future vision and direction of the school's work and practices to;

- Meet the needs of all students within a supportive learning environment, fostering a welcoming, warm, respectful, friendly, and caring community for all.
- Provide all students with high-quality educational opportunities and experiences that make them feel included, respected, safe and secure, and their achievements and contributions are valued and celebrated.

Even though my official start date is the 1st of October 2025, I want you to know that I will be liaising and meeting with the Board of Governors and the Senior Leadership Team to ensure a seamless transition in leadership. I especially look forward to meeting the whole school community in late August and throughout September, and I will also hold an assembly with each year group in September to introduce myself.

As we near the end of term, I wish you and your family a well-deserved, enjoyable, rejuvenating, and healthy summer break. See you soon.

Kindest regards,

Mr Paul Perry – PGDH, MA, PGCE, BSc.
Principal Designate