



# John Flamsteed Community School

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Executive Headteacher: Mrs H Frost-Briggs BA (Hons)



16th June 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

I write to you today with some news regarding the operational leadership at John Flamsteed Community School.

As many of you are aware, we have an executive model of leadership at JF; in my role as Executive Head Teacher, I provide the strategic leadership of the school, create the vision and the ethos and drive school improvement through my work with the Head of School and the leadership team to implement that vision on a daily basis. Louise Hilton will be leaving her role at the end of this academic year as the current Head of School. Having worked at John Flamsteed Community School for the past 12 years, Louise has made a significant contribution to the day-to-day life of our school community. Throughout her many years here, she has supported countless pupils, families and colleagues with unwavering professionalism and in her usual calm and unassuming way.

Louise's thorough and organised approach to all that she does has been greatly valued by myself and her colleagues and she leaves with our heartfelt thanks and appreciation. While we are excited for the opportunities that lie ahead for her, she will be greatly missed by us all. We wish her every success and happiness in the next stage of her career.

As we wish farewell and good luck to Louise, I am delighted to announce that Mrs Jess Teal-Hardy has been appointed as the new Head of School and will take up the role from September. Jess is currently one of the Deputy Head Teachers and former Head of Science here at JF. Candidates were put through a rigorous process across two days, including in-tray tasks, Student Panel (perhaps the scariest of all!), panels of teaching staff, associate staff, middle and senior leaders, Trust leads and Governors. The panel on Day 2 were unanimous in their conviction that Jess has the requisite passion, clarity, enthusiasm and strategy to support me in driving the school to further success in order to ensure that every child can thrive and receive an excellent education in a nurturing and ambitious environment. She knows our school community well and has played a key role in many of the developments and successes we have achieved in recent years.

She is looking forward to working closely with pupils, staff, parents/carers and Governors to ensure the very best outcomes for all our children.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of John Flamsteed Community School.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Helen Frost-Briggs  
Executive Headteacher  
John Flamsteed Community School and The Ripley Academy