New headteacher appointed at St George's

Alexandra Hems has been appointed new head at St George's, the all girls school on Garscube Terrace.

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Ms Hems is currently Deputy Head of Wycombe Abbey School and will take over in Edinburgh on 1 January 2017.

Paul Brewer, Chair of Council at St George's, said: "We are delighted about appointing such an outstanding candidate and someone who intrinsically understands the qualities of a girls' school, its strengths and opportunities. St George's is a wonderful place and we wanted to find someone who will cherish the characteristics that makes St George's such a good school.

"We look forward to supporting Alex as she takes the school on the next steps of its journey, helping to encourage the development of young women of independent mind, while at the same time leading the school so it continues to be fit for purpose in the modern, and global world we now live in."

Mrs Hems has spent twenty years working in leading girls' schools. She has been Deputy Head at Wycombe Abbey, since 2013, having previously been Deputy Head at Francis Holland School, London, since 2011. Before that she was Head of Senior School (Sixth Form) at St Paul's Girls' School in London from 2007, and Head of Sixth Form at North London Collegiate School from 2003.

Having read English at Somerville College, Oxford, Mrs Hems teaches English but also enjoyed teaching Latin early on in her career.