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Dear Parents and Guardians

I hope that you and your family had a pleasant and restful Easter holiday, despite many of the students having to spend much of the time revising for their examinations later this term. This is a very busy term and there will be a lot of events, other than examinations, to ensure that, in partnership with you, the College continues to provide the best possible education for your children as we undergo a period of change.

You will be glad to know that, after two rounds of recruitment, the governors of the College are very pleased to announce that they have now appointed Mr David Forster as our new Head Teacher from September 1st, 2018. He is only the fifth Head of St Augustine's, and the first one appointed from outside the College in over thirty years, so I am sure that you will support him and welcome him into our wonderful school. Mr Forster will be writing to you to introduce himself and he will spend some time in school this term, so you may meet him before September. He will be learning more about the College and working with Mr Alsop to ensure a smooth transition. Please remember both Mr Alsop and Mr Forster in your prayers as they start their new challenge.

St Augustine's Catholic College is a great school with wonderful pupils. However, there are challenging times ahead and we need your support to make sure that we can continue to give your children the excellent education they deserve. Please make sure that you come in to school when there are events organised so you can keep up to date with what is going on and find out how you can support your children. Do you support FOSTA, our friends group for parents? They do a lot to raise funds, and to help the College. It can be a very vibrant and active group, with your support.

Have you thought about becoming a governor? Your expertise need not be in education, as you will learn more about that, but can be from business, social services, management, HR, law, health or finance or can just be that you are enthusiastic and keen to support the College in whatever way you can. All governors receive training to help them in their role. We sometimes recruit new parent governors, as we did recently, and often need "foundation governors" who represent the Bishop in the College. They are appointed by the Bishop on the recommendation of their parish priest. We hope to recruit some more foundation governors soon and will be interested in governors with the skills that we need to govern an outstanding school.

Being a governor is not easy and it takes time and commitment, but if you feel that becoming a foundation governor is something that you would like to do, please discuss it with your parish priest or email me (keatesm@st-augustines.wilts.sch.uk) if you have any questions. Currently we are short of governors from Frome, Warminster, Devizes and the Polish community and would particularly welcome governors from those areas, but governors from any of our parishes would be welcomed.

With best wishes for the coming term - especially to those families where the examinations are looming!

Yours sincerely

Mary Keates
Chair of Governors