



St Benedict's Catholic High School

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Head Teacher: Emma Jackson

29th April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

The Governors of St Benedict's Catholic High School are delighted to announce that, following a rigorous selection process, Mr John-Paul Morrison has been appointed Headteacher of St Benedict's Catholic High School, with effect from 1st September 2026.

Mr Morrison asked that we share the following with you all:

"It is an honour and a privilege to accept the post of Headteacher for St Benedict's Catholic High School. I will do everything I can to lead and manage this wonderful community to be the most successful school in Cumbria. I have been very impressed by the staff and students at the school, and we are truly blessed to have such vibrant, creative, inquisitive and talented students. They are truly exceptional. I cannot wait to get started. Before I do, I wanted to share a little of my background for you. I am a Scot and studied at Edinburgh University before moving to Glasgow to train as a teacher. For the last thirty years I have been working in London in Catholic education. For ten years I was the Headteacher of two Catholic secondary schools and was for seven years the Director of Education for the Diocese of Westminster overseeing 208 schools. I am committed to Catholic education, and I can assure that the school will continue to be a witness to the teachings of Christ and the charism of St Benedict. As a parent of four grown up children who all attended Catholic schools, I am determined to ensure your child continues to receive every opportunity to allow them to become the best version of themselves and develop their journey of faith. I am looking forward to moving permanently to Cumbria and becoming part of the community. I look forward to meeting you in the months ahead and listening to your views and expectations for the school. I will work closely with Mrs Jackson, Ms Daniels, the staff and you to ensure the transition of leadership goes as smoothly as possible. Together the school will flourish Through Love of Christ, delight in Virtue."

The Governors are confident that Mr Morrison has the skills and attributes required to continue to move St Benedict's Catholic High School forward and we are sure that you will join us in welcoming him to our school.

Yours faithfully

Kayleigh Daniels
Chair of Governors



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