



ABINGDON

From the Head: Miss O.F.S. Lusk, B.Mus

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Dear Parents, Colleagues, Governors and Boys of Abingdon School,

I shall be retiring from the headship of this wonderful school at the end of the summer term 2016. By then I will have completed 6 years leading Abingdon, almost 20 years as a head and enjoyed a career in education spanning some 40 years. I'm very surprised at the realisation that I shall celebrate my 60th birthday later this year. It feels time for me to look to the future.

It is both fortunate and a privilege to have had a professional life which has been so satisfying with much enjoyment, purpose and fun and with just the right balance of challenge to keep it all interesting and stimulating. Education and how schools are led may have changed considerably over the decades since I first stepped into the classroom, but what hasn't changed is the inherent nature and aspiration of young people as they navigate their way through school careers and adolescence to whatever they make of their adult lives.

Abingdon has recently seen a period of considerable change and development. It continues to be a privilege working with such highly motivated and talented colleagues who make it all happen for these extraordinary boys. Those of you who saw the recent production of *Les Misérables* will have seen Abingdon at its best, where teamwork, inspiration, ambition, creativity, excellence and purpose combined very readily with the natural talent of the boys. It was an astonishing production that will remain in my memory for a very long time indeed.

Once I leave Abingdon I shall want to pursue other interests, but there is still much work for me to do here and I intend to make the most of my remaining time and enjoy all that this school represents, does and achieves.

I wish the governors all the best in the search for the 58th Head of Abingdon School. I'm certain that there will be considerable interest in one of the top headships in the UK. In the meantime, I wish everyone associated with Abingdon much happiness and success in our mutual endeavour to provide the best possible education for these remarkable boys.

Yours sincerely

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