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## **Abingdon School announces new Head**

The Governors of Abingdon School have today, 24 November, announced the appointment of Felicity Lusk as Head of the leading independent day and boarding school for boys. Miss Lusk will take up the position in September 2010.

Felicity Lusk is the 52nd Head, and the first woman, to lead Abingdon in over 750 years of the School's history, succeeding Mark Turner. Miss Lusk has enjoyed notable success at Oxford High School where she has been Head for the past 12 years.

Felicity Lusk says, 'My task is to ensure that Abingdon continues to build on its many successes, and I look forward to working with colleagues to provide the best possible education for all its boys.'

Announcing the appointment, David Lillycrop, Chairman of Governors at Abingdon said, 'Felicity Lusk was the outstanding member of a very strong field of candidates. She is an inspirational leader, as her track record at Oxford High demonstrates, and she has a great deal to offer the Abingdon community.'

Felicity Lusk, a New Zealander, graduated in Music from Victoria University in Wellington. While still in New Zealand she was Director of Music at Wellington East Girls' College and then at the co-educational Aotea College. On moving to England in 1990 Felicity joined the Hasmorean High School in London, initially as Director of Music and latterly as Deputy Head, and Head of the girls' school. She was appointed Head of Oxford High School in 1997.

Felicity has also held a number of external appointments, and recently became an independent member of the Standards Committee of the City of London Corporation. She is a past governor of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London, and until this year was a member of the Court of Oxford Brookes University.

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