

The Mount School - Clerk of committee's report 2024

Good morning Friends. I'm very pleased to welcome you to the Mount for Quakers in Yorkshire today. This is my chance to tell you something about the work of the school committee over the past year.

2024 has been a more than usually busy year. Our Principal David Griffiths indicated early in the year that he intended to move to pastures new, and he leaves us at the end of this term for a position as Head of ISA Liwan International School & Deputy Director of School Improvement Services for the ISA International Education Group, based in China. David has brought fantastic energy and enthusiasm to his role here at MSY and we celebrate the growing numbers and fantastic academic results that have been achieved over his time with us. We are looking forward to welcoming our new Head, Anna Wilby, who joins us in January from Ashville College in Harrogate.

You have appointed two new committee members this year - Mary Frankland and Phil MacDonald, who bring educational and financial expertise to the work of the committee. A further nomination is coming to you for potential appointment later today. The board continues to benefit from a wide range of skills and I am very lucky to be able to have such a dedicated group of governor colleagues. I feel we are working well together to support the School in meeting the competitive and ever-increasing financial challenges that all schools face.

Local Friends and perhaps some of you further afield will have seen the news that after our successful Compliance Inspection in 2023 we received an unexpected visit from ISI in May this year. The good news is that the inspectors concluded that we met the required standards when it came to

- behaviour,
- bullying,
- health & safety,
- boarders' health & wellbeing,
- boarding accommodation,
- supervision of pupils,
- suitability of staff, supply staff and the proprietor,
- provision of information and
- complaints procedures.

