



**George Stephenson**  
High School

27 May 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will be aware the Governing Body at George Stephenson have been undertaking a recruitment process to appoint a new Headteacher for the school from September 2022. Our current Headteacher, Ian Wilkinson, is leaving to take on a role at North Tyneside Local Authority after thirteen successful years in post.

On Tuesday the recruitment process concluded and Governors have appointed Peter Douthwaite as Headteacher at George Stephenson High School from September 2022.

Many of you will know Peter as current Deputy Headteacher at George Stephenson and Peter will be a familiar face to students across the school. I hope that you will join me in congratulating Peter on this significant appointment in what was a strong field of experienced and committed candidates. Governors wish Peter every success in his new role.

Commenting on his appointment, Peter said:

*"I am honoured to have been chosen as the fifth Headteacher to serve the students, staff and community of George Stephenson High School.*

*I am proud to be taking over the reins from Mr Wilkinson and excited about the opportunity of leading our incredible school. I look forward to working together with all members of our community to take it to even greater heights."*

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to highlight that a number of positive comments were received by Governors from the candidates about our school and in particular the way in which students presented themselves – both in terms of behaviour, but also the caring and kind nature that they articulate.

Yours faithfully

**Andrew Elliott**  
Chair of Governors  
George Stephenson High School