



St Paul's School
Dr F.C.G. Hohler
CHAIRMAN OF GOVERNORS

Press statement

11 October 2010

The Board of Governors of St Paul's School is delighted to announce that it has selected Professor Mark Bailey as the next High Master of St Paul's in succession to Dr Martin Stephen.

Professor Bailey has eleven years' experience as a Head in the independent sector, serving first as Headmaster of Leeds Grammar School (LGS) between 1999 and 2005, and then leading the merger of LGS with Leeds Girls High School to create The Grammar School at Leeds (GSAL). He left GSAL in April for a sabbatical term as a Visiting Fellow in Medieval History at All Souls College, Oxford and is now Professor of Late Medieval History at the University of East Anglia.

He will take up his full-time appointment as High Master at the start of the next academic year in September 2011, and will retain his links with the School of History at the University of East Anglia as a Visiting Professor. However, he will also assume an active role in helping to finalise the plans for St Paul's School's building project. Professor Bailey led his previous school through a substantial extension programme over a three year period, completing the project on time, ahead of budget and safely.

Dr Hohler commented, 'Dr Stephen's successful tenure as High Master leaves St Paul's in a strong position, and so the Governors sought a successor who is a scholar, an experienced Head and has the capability to lead a major building project. Indeed, Dr Stephen introduced Professor Bailey to the Board as his nominee. We were fortunate to attract a strong and competitive field of experienced candidates, but we were all clear that Mark Bailey has all the requisite qualities and energy to build on the successes of this excellent school, and to lead it through the next demanding phase of its development. Mark Bailey also had a distinguished sporting career, including captaining Cambridge University, the Barbarians and England (once) at rugby, and captaining Suffolk at cricket.'

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Notes for Editors

Professor Mark Bailey was educated at Ipswich School, where he was a recipient of a full-fee bursary. He read Economic History at Durham University where he obtained a 1st Class degree.

In 1987 he was awarded a PhD in History by the University of Cambridge. He was first a Fellow of Gonville & Caius College Cambridge (1986-96) and then of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge (1996-9). While a student at Cambridge he won four Blues for rugby and he has served as captain, secretary and now President of the University Rugby Club. He also played rugby for Wasps, Barbarians and England, and cricket for Suffolk CC, captaining the latter between 1988 and 1991.

While the head of The Grammar School at Leeds he led the school through a substantial building project, extending the school buildings and facilities in preparation for the merger of the two schools on the one site over a three year period, completing the project on time, ahead of budget and entirely safely.

Professor Bailey, who will be 50 when he takes up his appointment with St Paul's, is married to Julie, a freelance HR consultant. They have two children, Katie (15) and Harry (12).

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