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New Head appointed at St John's College, Cardiff – Wales' leading independent day school.

Mr Gareth Lloyd will be the new Headmaster of St John's College, Cardiff taking up post in April 2017.

St John's College is Wales' leading independent day school for boys and girls aged 3-18.

Mr Lloyd was born and schooled in Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan. He read Music at the University of Exeter and completed his Postgraduate Certificate of Education in Music and Modern Languages at Homerton College, Cambridge. During this time, he was a Choral Scholar at St John's College, Cambridge and competed in Field Hockey and Athletics for the University.



Further qualifications include an MSc in School Management, University of Reading; a Fellowship in Musicology, Trinity College of Music, London; a Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies, Diocese of Westminster; the National Professional Qualification for Headteachers; numerous sports coaching qualifications; and he will shortly be awarded his Doctorate in Composition, University of Sheffield.

Mr Lloyd has been teaching music, languages and sport for 28 years, as Assistant Director of Music at Reading Blue Coat School; Director of Music then Housemaster at St Mary's School, Ascot; Senior Master and Head of Upper School, Whitgift, London; Senior Deputy Headmaster, Kingswood School, Bath; and for the last eight years as Headmaster at Ratcliffe College, Leicestershire, during which time the school has enjoyed outstanding success, including the award of 'Excellent' in all nine categories of the Independent Schools' Inspectorate in 2015. Mr Lloyd has sat on both the Headmasters' Conference Committee and the Catholic Independent Schools' Conference, and is an experienced school inspector. Mr Lloyd's wife, Katharine, is a primary school teacher; together, they have three children, aged 19, 17 and 14.

Mrs Jayne Smerald, Chair of St John's College Trustees, said "We have carried out a rigorous selection process and have been privileged in meeting a very strong field of candidates. We are delighted to have found a leader with such vision and experience who understands the unique history and Roman Catholic ethos of this school. Mr Lloyd will nurture, build and expand on the unique legacy the late Dr Neville bequeathed to us all, both academically and musically."

On his appointment, Mr Lloyd commented, "I am immensely excited to be returning to Wales after 32 years, and what a privilege it is that this should be as Head of St John's College. As Wales' leading academic school, complemented by its exceptional musical profile as the Cathedral Choir School, there is an all-pervading sense of purpose. Yet there is such warmth and humanity at the same time, as I found when meeting the delightful staff and pupils. I believe that we may all look forward to a very exciting future."