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Barking Abbey school  
Give and expect the best

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## Eastbrook School and Barking Abbey

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may be aware, we have been supporting Eastbrook School- secondary phase since June 2023. From September 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 the Governing body of Eastbrook school has asked Barking Abbey school to take a more active role in supporting the secondary phase to raise standards.

To give you some background on Barking Abbey school;

- We are a highly successful split site school. Our A level results place us in the top 25% of the country and our GCSE Progress 8 scores have been consistently high and positive since the measure was launched.
- The community we serve and the challenges we face are very similar to the Eastbrook community. Our school is a calm, orderly environment built on good relationships, and we spend the majority of our time talking about Teaching and Learning as schools should.
- We are hugely oversubscribed with 4 applicants for every place in year 7 and 8 applicants for every place in year 12. We have 360 pupils in each year group and 550 pupils in our sixth form.
- Our ethos is clearly stated in our school motto 'Give and expect the Best' and we value character education which is delivered through our BEST habits. Last year we were awarded the Character education Kitemark plus award in recognition of this work.
- Ofsted came to visit in December 2022 and stated that 'there is enough evidence of improved performance to suggest that the school could be judged outstanding' and we are awaiting their next visit which is likely next year or the year after.

Therefore, from September 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 the following changes will take place:

- I will take over as Executive Headteacher of Barking Abbey and Eastbrook school.
- Jamie Gibson, Deputy Headteacher at Barking Abbey will take over as Interim Headteacher of Eastbrook- Secondary phase. Jamie has a huge amount of experience of embedding simple, clear safeguarding, attendance and behaviour systems and is highly regarded across the Borough for the work he has led on at Barking Abbey.
- Evan Hollows will continue as Headteacher leading the primary phase and building on what is already an outstanding school.



As a team we are committed to making Eastbrook All through school an outstanding provision and one we are all proud of.

We will be running parent information sessions during the first half term and will also be producing a newsletter for you every week updating you on the school.

I look forward to meeting you all in the new academic year.

Yours faithfully,



Tony Roe  
Executive Headteacher  
Barking Abbey and Eastbrook Schools