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Dear Parents/Carers

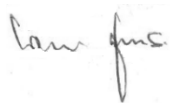
As you are already aware, Mr Pawar will be stepping down as Headteacher of Bryntirion Comprehensive School at the end of August 2025. Since joining the school in 2018, Mr Pawar has provided dedicated leadership, helping to strengthen the school's values and ensure pupils are well-prepared both academically and personally for life beyond school. With 16 years of experience as a headteacher, his contribution to education has been significant, and we thank him for his commitment to the pupils, staff, and the wider school community.

I am now very pleased to inform you that, following a rigorous selection process, the Governing Body has appointed Mr Derek Mead as the next Headteacher of Bryntirion Comprehensive School, effective from 1 September 2025. Mr Mead is well known to the Bryntirion community, having taught geography at the school from 1998 to 2004, during which time he also served as Head of Year and later as Head of Geography. He became Assistant Headteacher in 2011 before moving on to Mountain Ash Comprehensive School in 2015 as Deputy Headteacher. A fluent Welsh speaker, Mr Mead is passionate about education, languages, and Welsh culture, and enjoys skiing, running, and walking.

The appointment panel was unanimous in its decision, and the selection was fully endorsed by the local authority's professional advisors. We are confident that Mr Mead's experience, enthusiasm, and vision will guide the school into its next chapter, ensuring that all pupils continue to thrive and develop as confident and capable young people.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



E J Evans
Chair, Governing Body
Bryntirion Comprehensive School

