

9<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

I am pleased to be writing to introduce myself to you all as the new Director of Inclusion and SEND at Northampton School for Girls. I am delighted to become part of the excellent Senior Leadership Team at the school and I am excited to have begun the important work of supporting our students to achieve their best.

My professional background includes 26 years working in schools and education much of which has been spent in wide ranging Senior Leadership roles as well as teaching Physical Education and geography. In addition, I have personal experience of having a child with additional needs and the joys and challenges that this can bring for both the child and their families.

As a result, I recognise the importance of having a positive relationship with the school and the SEND and/or inclusion teams in particular so that we can work together to ensure the best possible provision for your daughter. I know that for many of you, the communication and close working relationship that you have with the teams that I now lead and manage is hugely valued. It has therefore been a pleasure to speak or be in written contact with so many of you over my first few days at work and I look forward to meeting many more of you as we continue this crucial work.

Having said this, we are always looking to improve and we have some ambitious plans to develop both the provision and support for *all* students so that we can further enhance the feeling of belonging and our reputation as a truly inclusive school. I look forward to sharing these developments with you over the coming weeks and months.

If you have any questions or queries in relation to SEND please do not hesitate to get in touch via:

[SEND@nsg.northants.sch.uk](mailto:SEND@nsg.northants.sch.uk)

I have very much been looking forward to beginning this role since my appointment and am pleased to have started getting to know students, staff and the school this week.

With very best wishes,



Mr Jay Davenport  
Director of Inclusion and SEND