



28<sup>th</sup> August 2019

**From the Dean of Westminster**  
The Very Reverend Dr John Hall

Parents of pupils at Westminster School and Westminster Under School

*Dear Parent*

It is with regret that I write to inform you that Patrick Derham has decided to retire at the end of the forthcoming academic year, 2019-20, after what will have been six remarkable years as Head Master of Westminster School. Patrick Derham will have completed twenty four years as a Head Master, first of Solihull School, then of Rugby School and finally of Westminster School.

There will be many opportunities over the next year to express our corporate and individual and personal thanks to Patrick for the outstanding leadership he has offered the School over these last years.

The School continues to flourish in every possible way, academically, culturally, socially and spiritually under Patrick's leadership. This year there have been record GCSE results and outstanding A level/Pre-U achievements with a stunning number of pupils gaining Oxbridge entries.

Patrick Derham has initiated an ambitious campaign to raise funds for bursaries, the Ben Jonson Foundation, and continues to work with Harris Westminster Sixth Form, itself achieving remarkable results, and Westminster School is opening up educational opportunities in China.

The process of appointing a new Head Master will soon go forward and I have every confidence of appointing another outstanding leader for the School.

*Yours sincerely*  
*John R Hall*

Chairman, Westminster School Governing Body