



## WESTMINSTER SCHOOL

### **Press Release Announcement of new Head Master of Westminster School Monday 25 November 2019**

The Very Reverend Dr David Hoyle, Dean of Westminster and new Chair of the Governing Body of Westminster School, announced this morning that the Governing Body had appointed Dr Gary Savage as the new Head Master of Westminster School. Dr Savage will succeed Patrick Derham, who retires at the end of the forthcoming academic year (2019-20) after six years of outstanding leadership of the School.

The appointment follows an extensive search; a very strong list of candidates applied for the post, from which Dr Savage was ultimately selected.

Dr Savage grew up in Suffolk. He read History at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, taking a Double First before completing a PhD on the political culture and foreign policy of later 18<sup>th</sup>-century France. He was Head of History and Master-in-College at Eton College then Under Master at Westminster School, and since 2010 has been Headmaster at Alleyn's School in Dulwich. He is married to Natalie and enjoys History, the Arts, studying German, walking his two Jack Russell terriers and following the fortunes of Ipswich Town FC.

Dr Savage said:

“It is an honour and a privilege to have been invited to be the new Head Master of Westminster School. I have very fond memories of this outstanding institution from my time as Under Master, and greatly admire Patrick Derham’s exceptional work during his tenure. I am grateful to the Governing Body for their faith in me and I very much look forward to getting to know the School afresh, and working with staff, pupils and the whole Westminster community as we enter an exciting new decade together.”

Dr Savage will join a forward-looking school in very good heart, with outstanding academic and co-curricular achievements; the Governing Body has every confidence that this will continue under the leadership of Dr Savage.

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