

WINCHESTER COLLEGE & THE PILGRIMS' SCHOOL



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*A shared vision for
educational leadership on
the modern global stage*

The Governing Bodies of Winchester College and The Pilgrims' School and the Chapter of Winchester Cathedral are delighted to announce an exciting new development in their shared history, the merger of The Pilgrims' School with Winchester College.

Winchester College and The Pilgrims' School have shared a common educational philosophy for nearly a century - one that values intellectual curiosity and independent thought. The merger strengthens these ties, ensuring that both schools continue to provide an education of exceptional quality and breadth, while also creating new opportunities for increased collaboration and innovation.

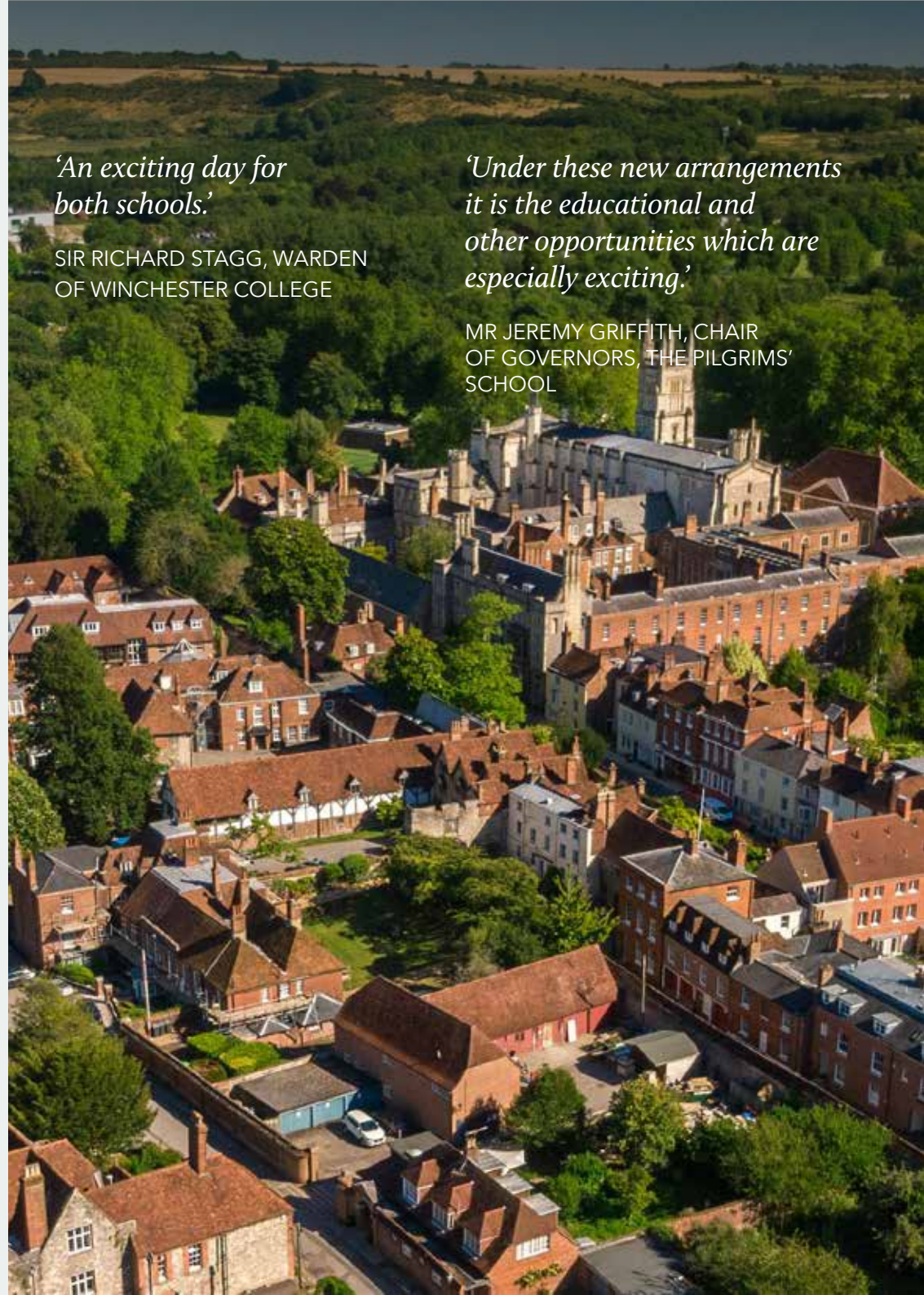
A great deal of thought and careful planning has shaped the merger of the two schools. This document outlines the practical steps involved and how the merged charity will work.

'An exciting day for both schools.'

SIR RICHARD STAGG, WARDEN
OF WINCHESTER COLLEGE

'Under these new arrangements it is the educational and other opportunities which are especially exciting.'

MR JEREMY GRIFFITH, CHAIR
OF GOVERNORS, THE PILGRIMS'
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DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS AND GOVERNANCE

Overarching governance responsibility will sit with Winchester College's Warden and Fellows, with arrangements in place specifically designed to reflect the interests of The Pilgrims' School and the relationship with Winchester Cathedral.

A newly established committee, The Pilgrims' Committee will oversee the day-to-day operations of Pilgrims' and will work closely with Mr Tim Butcher (Pilgrims' Headmaster) and his Senior Leadership Team, reporting to the Warden and Fellows of the College on a termly basis.

PATHWAYS TO SENIOR SCHOOLS

The Pilgrims' School will continue to prepare its pupils for entry to a wide range of local and regional senior boarding and day schools, as it has since it was founded in 1931. It will continue to offer advice and guidance to families about the senior school options which would best suit their child and preferences at 11+ or 13+.

Pilgrims' pupils looking to apply to Winchester College for their senior school will continue to follow the usual College admissions process.

A UNIQUE JOINT CHORAL TRADITION

The Winchester College Quiristers and Winchester Cathedral Choristers represent two of the country's finest treble lines, each performing in high profile services, concerts, broadcasts and professional recordings throughout the year, and each educated at The Pilgrims' School.

Both choirs receive generous financial support towards fees in recognition of their dedicated commitment to their respective foundations. Today's announcement demonstrates a united determination to uphold this unique environment of choral excellence and the wider music-making it nourishes.

'Ensuring that Pilgrims' and Winchester College remain at the forefront of educational excellence and intellectual ambition.'


SIR RICHARD STAGG, WARDEN OF WINCHESTER COLLEGE

WINCHESTER COLLEGE'S INVESTMENT

The Pilgrims' School is an important feeder school for Winchester College with approximately 100 pupils joining from Pilgrims' over the past 5 years, including 25 academic and music scholars. It is therefore in the College's interests to develop and strengthen the relationship with Pilgrims' to ensure its continued contribution to College life.

The merger of the two schools will provide a variety of additional benefits for Winchester College, including the opportunity to provide an education for academically able boys from 4 to 18; getting to know prospective pupils earlier in the admissions process, including those in Years 7 and 8; training and development for staff; and economies of scale for the day-to-day operational costs of both schools.

While the detailed commercial arrangements which underpin this agreement are confidential, the principal financial contribution of the College will be to invest in the maintenance and upgrading of the Pilgrims' estate. The College's Bursary Programme and other educational commitments will be unaffected.

A young boy with short brown hair, wearing a dark green school blazer, is seen from the back, playing a silver flute. He is standing in a school setting, possibly a music room or rehearsal space, with other students and a music stand visible in the background. The lighting is soft and natural, suggesting an indoor setting with large windows.

'...a collective mission to deliver an exceptional education to current and future generations, whichever senior school they are destined for.'

MR JEREMY GRIFFITH, CHAIR OF
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LOCATION AND BUILDINGS

The Pilgrims' School currently operates on land owned by Winchester Cathedral. The school will continue to operate from its location in Cathedral Close and Winchester College will work together with the Cathedral to enable long-term investment in the Pilgrims' site.

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The Cathedral, The Pilgrims' School and Winchester College collectively share a long history and this announcement demonstrates the Cathedral's commitment to further strengthening the bonds that tie all three foundations.

Winchester Cathedral will retain close involvement with The Pilgrims' School in line with its commitment to the education of the Cathedral Choristers, the role it plays in preserving the heritage and maintaining the excellence of the Choral Foundation, as well as the shared religious values and spiritual ethos.

The Cathedral's role in making this happen demonstrates its commitment to preserving and enhancing its 900-year-old choral tradition. Representatives from Winchester Cathedral will also sit on The Pilgrims' Committee.

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CANON DR ROLAND RIEM, INTERIM DEAN OF WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL



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