

Announcement from Sir John Ritblat, Chairman of the Alpha Plus Group

I am delighted to announce that Mark Hanley-Browne has accepted the appointment of CEO of the Alpha Plus Group and will take up the office on Tuesday August 29th 2017.

Mark graduated with a degree in Natural Sciences from Oxford University before going to Cambridge for his PGCE. He taught at Sevenoaks School in Kent for five years and then at Charterhouse in Surrey for nine years where he was in charge of Higher Education and Careers. He then moved to Highgate School in North London as Deputy Head (Pastoral). For the last twelve years he has been Head of Emanuel School in Wandsworth, leading the school through a period of very successful development and making it one of the most popular schools in the capital.

A past Chairman of London HMC, Mark has recently been working on a joint educational venture between Emanuel and schools in South China. He has also established successful partnerships with schools in the USA. Emanuel is part of the United Westminster Schools Foundation and so Mark is used to working closely with other Heads within the group, and fully understands the benefits of belonging to a group of schools rather than working in isolation on one's own.

Mark has commented on his appointment as follows: "I am thrilled to be joining the staff at Alpha Plus at such an exciting time in its history. The existing schools and colleges are going from strength to strength, as I know from first-hand experience (some of the schools are feeder schools for Emanuel).

"However, there are also some exciting new schools planned to open in the near future, both at home and abroad. As the Alpha Plus family grows, this will only serve to create new opportunities for staff to share good practice, learn from one another and take on new positions of responsibility. It will be a real privilege to be working with the staff, parents, pupils and students of the Alpha Plus schools and colleges when I join the company in August."

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