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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following our communication last month, we are excited to share, on behalf of the Local Governing Body and the Ted Wragg Trust, that Tom Goodman has been appointed as Headteacher Designate from September 2025.

This appointment follows a national recruitment campaign, rigorous pre-selection activities and a formal recruitment process earlier this week. Many thanks to the students and families who took part in our panels.

Since joining the school as Assistant Head in 2018, Tom has been a pivotal member of the Lipson senior leadership team. In 2023, he was appointed Senior Deputy Headteacher, helping to drive forward and set the school's strategic direction. He has played a central role in Lipson's transformation into the top-performing non-selective school in Plymouth, with student, parent, and staff survey results consistently exceeding national averages. We are confident he will continue to build on this exceptional work, ensuring that the Lipson community is at the heart of everything he does.

Over the next year, Tom will work closely with Martin to ensure a seamless transition when Martin steps down at the end of the 2025-26 academic year. Headteacher Martin Brook said *"I am delighted with Tom's appointed and have never felt more confident about the future of Lipson. I know he will lead with kindness, but also real passion and we will work tirelessly together in the next year to ensure that the transition is seamless"*.

Many thanks for your ongoing support for Lipson Academy. We are excited for this new chapter and look forward to supporting Tom over the next year as he moves into this new role.

Best wishes

Graham Rosser, Chair of Governors, Lipson Co-operative Academy

Tim Rutherford, Deputy Chief Executive, Ted Wragg Trust