

Bishop welcomes Charlotte Avery



In a Rite of Commissioning service, the Bishop of East Anglia, the Rt Rev'd Michael Evans officially welcomed Charlotte to St Mary's. The event was attended by governors, staff, students, parents, along with Heads of other top Cambridge schools and members of the CJ Community. In fact the school's two Halls were absolutely packed. During the Mass, Charlotte promised to undertake her role as Headmistress, support the school's Catholic ethos and commit to nurturing a community centred in Christ.

Charlotte is most anxious to preserve the wonderful ethos here at St Mary's, whilst extending and developing various key areas of the school. Our staff will continue to be warm and caring, committed to bringing out the very best in each and every girl. And the calm and purposeful environment will remain, enabling girls to grow into confident young women.

Although we have been a bigger school for such a short time, we are already well used to the junior and senior girls sharing aspects of school life together. Charlotte's first focus will be further integration of the

Junior and Senior Schools. There will also be developments in Boarding, where the extra-curricular and weekend programmes will be further extended and emphasis will also be placed on offering ways for girls to develop leadership abilities.

We were delighted to read in the online ‘Good Schools Guide’ that a parent from Charlotte’s previous school has said, “Lovely lady. I think very highly of her and will be sorry to see her go”.

So, all in all, we are thrilled to have a new Head who is completely in tune with all that makes St Mary’s a very special place and who wishes to make it even better.

Onward and upward!