

Deborah Leek Bailey OBE has been appointed as an advisor to the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) at Finborough. Deborah has been national Chairman of the Independent Schools Association and chaired the Cross Association Leadership Group (CAL). She commenced chairmanship of the Department for Education ISSP (Independent State School Partnership) forum in 2013 and is also Vice President of ISA and a trustee of Prince William's charity, Child Bereavement UK. Deborah received the OBE in the New Year's Honours list 2013 for her service to education.

Deborah has extensive leadership experience in both the maintained and independent sectors. For 15 years she was Headteacher at Babington House School in Kent, leading it from "satisfactory" to "excellent" in all areas of school life. We have chosen and appointed Deborah to work with the SLT to challenge and support the governance and leadership of the school and to provide a level of independent thinking from an educational specialist. Deborah will work with the senior team to deliver best practice in all areas of school life and to assist in the preparation for the school's next inspection.

"We are delighted to have found an individual to work with who is clearly very passionate about education and making a difference to children's lives. Deborah is a very open, astute character who has a wealth of experience in education and we look forward to working with her over the coming years".

James and Louise Sinclair