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Appointment of New ABS Principal

Mr Joss Williams

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## Announcement to the Parents, Staff and Community of the Amman Baccalaureate School

### Re: Appointment of New ABS Principal from 1 July 2019

The members of the Board of Trustees of the Amman Baccalaureate School are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Joss Williams as the new Principal of the ABS from 1 July 2019 as the successor to our current Principal, Mr Stuart Bryan.

Mr Williams was selected for the post after a rigorous and extensive international search using the services of Perrett Laver, a well-regarded UK recruitment consultancy.

Joss Williams is at present Deputy Headmaster at the Jumeirah English Speaking School (JESS) in Dubai. Previously he was a Deputy Headmaster at Culford School, and a Housemaster and teacher at renowned UK schools such as Gresham's, Abingdon, Oundle and Summer Fields as well as at Christ's College, New Zealand. He was a lecturer in the teaching of English at the Hong Kong Teacher Training College, and was for several years an Inspector with the Independent Schools' Inspectorate (ISI) in the UK. Mr Williams is currently a Penta Inspector, and a member of the Advisory Board to Oxford AQA Examinations. His research interests include Artificial Intelligence – he has just completed a course with the University of Helsinki.

Mr Williams has a BA Hons from University College London (UCL) and a PGCE from the University of Oxford. He also holds a Master's Degree in Strategy and Management. He speaks fluent French, and colloquial German, and has a knowledge of Cantonese.

Joss Williams was an officer in the Royal Marines, prior to embarking on a teaching career. A sportsman; he has coached Karate, Fencing, Rugby, Sailing, Skiing and Rock Climbing. He also held the responsibility of being an officer in the Combined Cadet Force at Abingdon and Oundle Schools. In addition to his sporting interests, Mr Williams enjoys theatre and concerts, and as to be expected from a teacher of English and French Literature, is an avid reader.

Joss Williams will be joined in Amman by Mrs Kristine Williams. Mrs Williams was a Housemistress at Sevenoaks School in the UK for seventeen years, where she also held the post of Senior Higher Education Advisor. Mrs Williams has been a professional basketball player, and also a basketball coach. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Media and Communications from the University of New Hampshire, USA. At present, Mrs Williams is Assistant Head of Pastoral Care and Head of University Applications at North London Collegiate School, Dubai, and is a teacher of Physical Education and PSHE. Mr and Mrs Williams have five children. We look forward to welcoming them both to Jordan, and to the Amman Baccalaureate School in the summer of 2019.

The Board of Trustees also takes this opportunity to thank Mr Stuart Bryan for his tremendous service to the ABS over the past ten years, and wishes him every success for the remainder of his service to the school during this academic year. Under his leadership, the school has flourished and gone to new heights and successes, including becoming one of a select few International Baccalaureate (IB) four programme (PYP, MYP, DP and CP) World Continuum schools. In addition, ABS became the first school worldwide to gain Athlete Friendly Education Status from the World Academy of Sport (WAoS) and is at the forefront of Round Square Discovery Framework initiatives. Mr Bryan also guided the school through the first-ever worldwide Council of International Schools (CIS) International Accreditation Evaluation, securing an outstanding report for the school.

During the summer of 2019, Mr Bryan will be moving to his new post as Vice President Education, Cluster lead for GEMS Education, Egypt. We wish him and his wife Julia, as well as his sons, Old Baccalaureans, Oliver and Alexander, every good wish and happiness for their future.