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From the Dean of Westminster

The Very Reverend Dr John Hall

To Old Westminsters

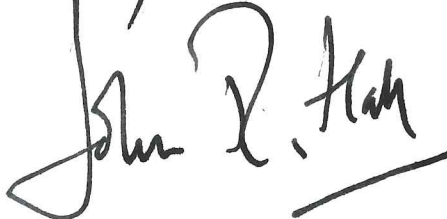
It is with regret that I write to inform you that Patrick Derham has decided to retire at the end of the forthcoming academic year, 2019-20, after what will have been six remarkable years as Head Master of Westminster School. Patrick Derham will have completed twenty four years as a Head Master, first of Solihull School, then of Rugby School and finally of Westminster School.

There will be many opportunities over the next year to express our corporate and individual and personal thanks to Patrick for the outstanding leadership he has offered the School over these last years.

The School continues to flourish in every possible way, academically, culturally, socially and spiritually under Patrick's leadership. This year there have been record GCSE results and outstanding A level/Pre-U achievements with a stunning number of pupils gaining Oxbridge entries.

Patrick Derham has been the driving force behind the launch of the ambitious Westminster School Campaign for bursaries and has overseen the creation of the School's first ever endowment fund dedicated to means-tested bursaries, The Ben Jonson Foundation. He continues to work with Harris Westminster Sixth Form, itself achieving remarkable results, and under his leadership, Westminster School is opening educational opportunities in China.

The process of appointing a new Head Master will soon go forward and I have every confidence of appointing another outstanding leader for the School.

Yours sincerely


Chairman, Westminster School Governing Body