

FLEMING COLLEGE TIENE NUEVA DIRECTORA

Primeras Palabras de nuestra Head, Ruth Percival, para los alumnos:

Good morning,

It is a pleasure, privilege and honour to be standing here greeting you all as your new Head.

I use the word privilege because I am clear that taking over and following in Mr. Bruce Allen's steps will be a challenge. But I want you all to know that I will continue to ask his advice, as clearly, he is someone who has understood how to earn your respect and also about whom you care a great deal. Mr. Bruce is spending a lot of time and energy helping me in this transition process for which I sincerely and publicly want to thank him. Could we all please give a massive round of applause for Mr. Bruce, for his generosity, vision and hard work at Fleming College.

I also feel very honoured to lead Fleming College because of everything I have learnt about the school. When I came in January, I met a group of students, teachers and parents and their enthusiasm, ambition and evident love for Fleming College made me decide it was definitely a place I wanted to commit myself to. It is much easier to lead when the community is truly interested in their project and together we will define this project and work towards shared goals.

My decision to accept the job of leading Fleming College has been reconfirmed from the moment I arrived. The warmth of the welcome I have received has been tremendous. You, the students, have also shown me, over the last few days that you have great talent, a caring attitude towards your teachers and are enthusiastically involved in school life. I have been fortunate to see the Teacher's Day celebration and also to attend the choir festival and Confirmation of S4 students since arriving. I have enjoyed them all and have been truly touched and delighted by everything I have seen. I know I am coming to join a very special community!

I want to tell you a little bit about myself, although you will get to know me very well over the next few weeks, months and years. I am Welsh, coming from a small country next to England Wales, which is part of the United Kingdom. My family, mother, brothers, sisters, nephews and nieces all live in Britain, but I have brought my own small "family", a mini – zoo with me. I have 3 cats, a dog and a tortoise which are also adapting to their new home. I taught for many years in the United Kingdom before deciding to start to work abroad, although this was easier for me because I lived and went to school in several different countries as a child. I have a real love of South America and all the very different cultures that co-exist in this enormous continent. I came to Peru as a tourist years ago, but have never lived here, so I am really looking forward to learning all about the country and its unique culture.

I have just arrived from working with schools in Spain, which was a great professional and personal experience, but I missed South America, so decided to come back "down –under". I love all sport and everything to do with Science so I am looking forward to watching you participate in matches and seeing how I can help to develop these areas in particular, although of course I will be helping to develop every aspect of the school.

What do I expect of you, the students? My expectations are simple – that you should always respect yourselves and one another, that you should be honest and show solidarity and empathy for others in our community, and beyond, that you should always try as hard as you can and that you should be ambitious and “dream big”.

Uno de los elementos más importantes es obviamente el esfuerzo y dedicación que hay que realizar para aprender a hablar inglés lo mejor posible. Yo tengo muy claro que ser bilingüe es probablemente el factor más importante en mi currículo, ya que me permite comunicarme con claridad y entender los deseos y emociones de otros, tanto en inglés como en español. Yo espero que pueda contribuir a que cada uno salga con esta enorme ventaja, junto con muchas otras, cuando egresen del Fleming College.

Va a ser un placer ir conociéndolos a todos, espero que me tengan paciencia y que me ayuden con este proceso, en especial con todos sus nombres.

Mi puerta estará siempre abierta, pero sí les pediría que aprovechen siempre de practicar su inglés conmigo. Considero que hay que aprovechar cada oportunidad que existe para practicar, ampliar y mejorar su vocabulario.

Con este mensaje me despido y nos iremos conociendo en los próximos días y el próximo semestre.

I thank you all again for this wonderful opportunity.

Thank you.

Ruth Percival
Head

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