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*The British School of Latvia*

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**Press Release**

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## **Mrs Adele Stanford, appointed as new Headteacher of King's College, The British School of Latvia**

**Mrs Stanford will be visiting Riga next Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January, when she will be presiding the “Meet the Headteacher Evening” organised by the school. During the event, families, parents and those interested in learning more about the school will have the opportunity to get to know the new Headteacher, as well as learn about her vision for the first British school in Latvia.**

King's Group has announced the appointment of Mrs Adele Stanford, as the new Headteacher of King's College, Latvia. “The selection process for the Head of the British School of Latvia has been extensive and thorough. We received many applications of a very high standard. We are delighted to have appointed Adele as we feel she is the perfect person to lead our school in Riga. She will bring expertise in Primary and proven management skills to her role – both vital for a Founding Head in one of our schools”, said Nicholas Fry, Vice Chairman for King's Group.

Mrs Stanford will be relocating to Riga from Córdoba (Spain), where she has been working as Head of Primary at The British School of Cordoba for the last decade.

With over 20 years' experience working in the world of education, Adele is passionate about creating educational environments that meet the needs of all learners and develop students academically, socially and emotionally.

She has worked as a teacher, consultant, adviser, Deputy Headteacher, Head of Primary and as an inspector in state and independent sectors, both in the UK and internationally.

Mrs Stanford was at the heart of new education practice when working for the “Leicester Education Action Zone” where she used coaching and mentoring to support teacher development across 9 schools. During her time working for the London based Basic Skills Agency she was involved in the development of national UK projects such as family learning, the adult basic skills national curriculum and led the DFE laptop initiative for post 16 teachers. The Agency was influential in consulting on government policy in the development of literacy and numeracy policy across the education sector.

She is an advocate of Values Based Education and she is in the process of achieving recognition by IVET (the International Values- based Education Trust) for her work in her current school.

“I’m incredibly excited to be taking up the position of headteacher at King's College Latvia. My vision is that King's College Latvia will be a school where academic rigour and creativity go hand in hand and where Latvian and British cultures join to create an innovative learning community. My principal goal is that children will arrive at King's College Latvia every morning with huge smiles on their faces and through practical learning experiences suited to them as individuals they will develop a real love of learning and leave school every afternoon happy and eager to tell their families about what they have experienced and achieved that day. At King's College Latvia our strength won't just be in what the children learn but how they learn it as well!”, said Adele Stanford.

## Meet the Headteacher Event

Before Mrs Stanford makes the permanent move to Riga next April, she will be visiting the city from 27<sup>th</sup> January for a long weekend, in order to spend a very special evening with the parents and families of the soon-to-open school.

During the “Meet the Headteacher” event, organised by King’s College Latvia and which will be held at the British Embassy in Riga, Mrs Stanford will be introducing herself to families that have already enrolled their child(ren) in the school, as well as taking the opportunity to meet other families, children and friends that are interested in learning more about the first British school in the country.

The event will take place at the British Embassy’s Residence in Riga on Friday afternoon 27<sup>th</sup> January.

During her visit to Riga, Mrs Stanford will also be participating on Saturday evening 28<sup>th</sup> January, in the traditional “Burns Supper” organised by the British Chamber of Commerce in Riga. Nicholas Fry, Vice Chairman of King’s Group, will be holding the customary “Address to the Lassies”, while Mrs Stanford will be giving the speech known as the “Reply to the Laddies”.

## About King’s College, The British School of Latvia

**King’s College, the British School of Latvia**, will open its doors this September (2017) and will be located in the municipality of Babites, in Latvia’s capital city of Riga.

The school, currently under construction, will hold approximately 580 pupils and will eventually cater for children from the age of 3 years old (Nursery), through to 18 years old (Year 13). When the school opens its doors in September, it will initially offer places to children between the ages of 3 (Nursery) and 10 years old (Year 5). As these pupils progress through their academic journey, the school will expand to cater for pupils up to 18 years old.

**King’s College, the British School of Latvia** forms part of King’s Group, a highly successful educational organisation, which since 1969 has been providing children and young people with a rigorous and broad British education in an international setting.

Over the last 45 years, pupils from King's College schools have gone on to continue their studies at some of the world's most prestigious universities, including those in Europe and North America.

Students at **King's College, The British School of Latvia** will follow the **English National Curriculum**, with a wide range of subjects available, leading to IGCSE and A Level examinations. This programme of study will allow pupils **access to the top universities in the world** such as Cambridge, Oxford, Berkeley or Georgetown, **in which King's College Schools has, historically, been able to send its' graduates. Additionally, should pupils' decide, they will also be able to access univervisties more locally in Latvia or the Baltic States.**

Students at **King's College, The British School of Latvia** will receive **exactly the same education as if they were studying at one of the best schools in Great Britain** and will learn from **native British and British trained teachers**. In addition, they will also have **subjects covering the Latvian Language, History and Geography.**

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