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### **Appointment of Mr Mark Feltham as the new Head of UWC Mostar**

UWC Mostar is delighted to announce the appointment of Mr Mark Feltham as the new Head of the United World College in Mostar, starting in July 2018.

Mark Feltham emerged as the most outstanding candidate at the end of a lengthy and thorough selection process. Commencing with extensive background investigations and preliminary interviews, the process culminated in a weekend of presentations and interviews in Mostar, during which all College constituencies had an opportunity to see Mark in action and ask wide-ranging questions.

Commenting on his appointment as the Head of UWC Mostar, Mr Feltham said:

*“I feel very excited and truly humbled by the appointment. UWC Mostar is an extraordinary and remarkable College, a beacon in the global educational landscape. I am looking forward to building on the achievements of Valentina Mindoljevic and working with the inspirational staff and students.”*

The Chair of the College Board, Ms Jasminka Bratić, expressed her happiness at finding a candidate so well-prepared to take on all aspects of the headship and to consolidate the foundations laid in the past 11 years.

Mrs Bratić commented:

*“We believe that the clarity of Mark’s vision, the authenticity of his idealism and the power of his energy and enthusiasm will enable him to lead UWC Mostar into a new chapter of its narrative as a distinctive UWC, actively seeking new ways of making a meaningful and lasting contribution to the future of Mostar, Bosnia Herzegovina and the wider region.”*

Mr Feltham will be welcomed by staff and students at UWC Mostar.

## Background information: Mark Feltham



Mark Feltham was born in Australia, educated in England and through his wife, Su Yin, has links with China and Jamaica.

A talented child, Mark was a school exhibitioner at a leading boarding school in the UK, Winchester College, and went on from there to study Mathematics at Jesus College, Cambridge. His vocation for teaching led him to take a Post Graduate Certificate in Education (Mathematics and Computing) at London University Institute of Education.

Mark Feltham, now 53, has been a teacher since then and his profession has taken him to schools across the spectrum of secondary education. In his GAP year he worked in a boarding school in Australia (Geelong) as a supply teacher, but his career started properly with 11 years in three inner London State schools with ethnically mixed pupils from all over the world. It was here that he taught his first Bosnians, including one from Mostar with whom he still has contact. From state schools he moved to a top academic independent school, Westminster School, where many bright pupils receive bursaries.

He has never stopped teaching, and extended his repertoire beyond maths and computing to include philosophy, football and cricket. He has, however, also worked as: Head of Department; Year Head; Housemaster; and, for the last nine years, as Master of the Queen's Scholars at Westminster School, enabling him to build strong links with admissions officers in UK and US universities, meet Barack Obama and have lunch with Queen Elizabeth. He is also a Governor of a London Free School--- a new kind of state school with an unusual degree of autonomy.

Mark and Su Yin have one son, Frederick, who is 17.