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**Dear Parents and Carers** 

I am delighted to inform you that we have a new member of staff joining our team. Her name is April Jones and she is both highly proficient and qualified in various outdoor education programmes including paddle sports, archery, climbing, lacrosse, football coaching, canoeing and kayaking.

At SwitchED2, we are exceptionally lucky to have such a unique and stimulating outdoor environment available to us. Not only do we utilise Coniston Waterpark but we also have woodlands and the beach on our doorstep which encourages all the students to experience learning outdoors; developing an adventurous and curious nature about the world around us. The opportunity to experience activities such as water sports, orienteering, vegetable growing and den building, is something that very few schools can offer and we recognise that this is another reason as to why SwitchED2 is such a great place to learn!

April will be adding to the experiences already on offer by providing bushcraft activities where we will be going outside in all weathers because we believe there is no such thing as bad weather, just bad clothing!

I hope you and your children enjoy engaging in the experiences as much as we enjoying providing them.

Yours sincerely

**Andy Coates** 

Headteacher