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**COLLEGE NOTICE**

**HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY**

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Professor Alan Armstrong has accepted appointment as Head of the Department of Chemistry from 1 January 2015. Alan will, with immediate effect, take responsibility for planning the future relocation of the Chemistry department before fully taking up the Headship in January 2015. Tom Welton will retain overall and day to day leadership of the department until 31 December 2014.

Professor Armstrong first joined Imperial as an undergraduate in 1984 and obtained his BSc and PhD degrees in the Department of Chemistry. After a postdoctoral fellowship at Columbia University, New York, he held lectureships at the Universities of Bath and Nottingham before returning to Imperial in 1999 as Reader. He was promoted to Professor in 2004. His research interests focus on synthetic organic chemistry and its applications to catalysis and chemical biology, and his work has been recognised by several awards from pharmaceutical companies as well as the Royal Society of Chemistry's Meldola and Corday Morgan medals. He is also the recipient of a Rector's Award for Excellence in Teaching (2011).

**John Neilson**  
College Secretary & Registrar