

2nd March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well and had an enjoyable half term.

I just wanted to take a moment to personally write to you to update you on the leadership arrangements at our Academy.

It is with sadness that I announce that our Executive Principal, Ms Catherine Davies, will be leaving us at the end of this term. She joined the Academy in June 2020 in the midst of the COVID pandemic and has worked tirelessly to help staff and pupils get through this difficult time.

Ms Davies demonstrated huge commitment in undertaking the five-hour daily commute to and from the Academy from her home but has decided that this is unsustainable in the long term. She wants people to know that she holds many fond memories and wishes everyone every success moving forward. Ms Davies will be missed, and we wish her well for the future.

As Ofsted noted in their recent inspection, leadership across the Academy is one of our growing strengths. That is why I am pleased that Mrs Gordon and Dr Neal, our two Vice Principals, have agreed to step up to lead the Academy on an interim basis. They both know our students and staff well, and their dedication to getting the very best for our community is clear for all to see.

I am also pleased that we have secured two very experienced Principals to provide additional capacity to help the Academy continue on the very positive trajectory that we are on. While Mrs Gordon and Dr Neal will be your first point of contact, Mrs Vicky Norris-Wright and Mr Rob Briscoe will be around at different points between now and the end of the academic year to support the Academy's progress.

While I am saddened to say farewell to Ms Davies, I have great trust and faith in our Academy's leaders and staff. We will collectively continue to move our wonderful Academy forward for the benefit of all the students we are fortunate enough to welcome to Bexhill Academy every day.

If you have any questions, then please do get in touch with the Academy and we will do all that we can to address them. Your continued support is hugely valued and appreciated.

Regards,

Tom Attwood