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Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to write to you with an update about my leadership at Woodfields. I have been principal here since March 2023 and have been offered an expanded role at a trust in Sheffield, working across the secondary schools. I will be starting this new role on the 1st September and I am very pleased to announce that Victoria Southall will lead the school as Interim Principal.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Woodfields and will miss everyone enormously, especially the staff team who with me worked tirelessly to see Woodfields graded by Ofsted as 'Good' in 2024, for the first time in the school's history.

In my time here, there has been a turnaround in behaviour at school and improved attendance, with Woodfields recognised as being the 16th most improved school for reducing absence. With improved behaviour comes more opportunity and I have been delighted for scholars to travel to the Globe Theatre in London to recite poetry and to win the Prestige awards for Secondary School of the Year in Yorkshire in 2025/6 and Education Provider of the Year 2026/7.

Academic excellence has been a top priority of mine and I am proud that students achieved their highest ever attainment in their GCSEs last year. I have seen the introduction of musical instrument lessons for students in Years 7, 8 and 9 through the MISST programme and scholars have performed in our hall for the community and at the Barbican Centre in London.

Mrs Southall will continue all our hard work and will continue with rapid improvement at the academy. She has transformed the curriculum at Woodfields, and I know I will be leaving the academy with a very strong leader at the helm.

Yours sincerely,

David Scales

