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Dear Parents and Carers,

Today I am writing my final letter to Parents and Carers as I end my time as Headteacher of Shevington High School at the end of this term and start my semi-retirement in September. I want to wish you all well in the future and take this opportunity to thank you for all the continued support you have given the school and myself over the last 11 Years.

As I write this letter, I am flooded with a multitude of amazing memories that span my time at Shevington High School. It is hard to believe I started as Headteacher in January 2013, the time has flown by.

The decision to leave has not been an easy one to make. I truly believe Shevington High School is an amazing and unique school and a fantastic place for students and staff to flourish. I have thoroughly enjoyed and relished working as Headteacher at the school.

I have had the great privilege as Headteacher to lead the school and work alongside a superb Leadership Team and school staff to develop the school with the amazing support, challenge and encouragement from such a supportive Governing body. This has enabled us to create a truly innovative school that has effectively developed, and implemented all aspects that enable student agency and ownership and in turn improve outcomes for students.

I have always said that Shevington High School is an amazing school and that is down to the great teachers, great students and great parents and carers - our Shevington family. I have enjoyed seeing a large number of students develop and progress during their careers at Shevington High School. This is a unique privilege for any headteacher and one that has inspired and motivated me over time.

In my first letter to parents 11 years ago I said, "students are at the heart of everything we do, and I want them to be happy and as a school we will nurture and challenge them to be the best they can be." I feel we achieved this and much much more.

We also have had the privilege to work with and contribute to international partnerships with Kunskapsskolan and schools in Sweden, Netherlands, Saudi, India and the USA. This has again helped us to develop our very innovative approach at Shevington High School. It inspired our student coaching, themes and missions. We are now a flagship school and share our outstanding and proactive approach with schools locally, nationally and internationally.

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Shevington High has become such a massive part of my life over the years. We have negotiated a myriad of challenges, including the covid pandemic and implementing a number of strategies to protect our students, staff and families. We found ourselves in the position of mass covid testing students, managing bubbles and numerous isolations for year groups. Again, thank you for the support and understanding you had for our school community at that extremely difficult time.

It is now approaching the right stage for me to move on to pastures new. In particular, I would like to spend more quality time with my family whilst still continuing to contribute to the education system on a more flexible part time basis.

I am immensely proud to have been the Headteacher of such an amazing school and have enjoyed working with our students and families over the last 11 Years. I will watch closely as the school continues to go from success to success and shape the future, inspiring and influencing education, nationally and internationally for generations to come.

I would like to wish you all a peaceful and enjoyable summer. I thank you for the support that you have given to me and the trust that you have placed in me as Headteacher.

Yours Sincerely

Mr J Grant
Headteacher