



Moorside High School

Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to let you know that I will be leaving my role as Head of Year at Moorside High School on Friday, 13th of March. Whilst this is a very sad moment for me, it is also one that brings great excitement. I have been offered an opportunity that will allow me to continue to grow both personally and professionally. After careful consideration, I have decided to pursue this next step in my career.

Over the next two weeks, I will be working closely with the Pastoral and Leadership Teams to ensure a smooth and well-supported transition for the new Head of Year. We are fully committed to maintaining continuity and stability for the students during this time.

While this transition takes place, Miss Edge and Miss Aitken will be supporting the Year Group. Many of you know Miss Edge well; she has been a Form Tutor within the year group and, during my recent absence following surgery, worked alongside and supported the students exceptionally well. Her strong relationships with the year group will ensure they remain in very safe hands.

The school is already working to appoint a permanent Head of Year, and the role has been advertised externally.

It has been a genuine privilege to work with this year group. Watching the students grow, meet challenges with resilience, and achieve so much has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my career. I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all parents and carers for your trust, partnership, and support. Your commitment to your children's education has made an enormous difference.

To the students: thank you for your energy, your determination, and your willingness to strive for more. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with you all and will always be proud of the young people you are becoming.

I wish every one of you success, happiness, and the confidence to make the most of the opportunities ahead. As you know, resilience and commitment are qualities I admire greatly, and I hope you continue to demonstrate these strengths as you move into your final year at school.

Thank you once again for allowing me to be part of your journey. I am sure I will see and speak to many of you before I leave.

Kind regards

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