

3rd November 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

A warm welcome back to Autumn Term Two – we very much hope that all our Harrogate High School families enjoyed some seasonal activities and well-deserved rest. As we start this new half term, we are writing to provide you with some updates in relation to Harrogate High School.

In the week prior to the half term break, Trustees were delighted to appoint **Mr Sukhraj Singh Gill**, to the substantive post of Head of Academy, from 1st January 2022. Mr Gill, is an extremely knowledgeable, calm and committed leader, who exudes passion, knowledge and understanding of, and for, teaching, learning, inclusion and diversity. He joins us from Bradford Academy where he has a great deal of experience leading whole school Teaching and Learning as the Vice Principal and, as a Mathematics specialist.

We would like to honour the service and impact of Mrs Charlotte Clarke. Mrs Clarke made the very difficult decision to take special leave and then to resign due to personal, family commitments. In the interim period since March 2021, we have been very fortunate that Harrogate High School has been led by Trust Leaders, Mr Mark Turner (*Acting Executive Headteacher*) and Mrs Lucy Greenwood (*Acting Head of School*). Both colleagues, along with the Senior Leadership Team have provided stable, calm and purposeful leadership.

Following a period of change and the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic we now look to the future with renewed optimism and positivity. During the Summer Term, we were thrilled to appoint a new, committed and dynamic Local Governing Body (LGB), very ably led by **Mr Richard Walker (Chair of Governors)**. Throughout the period of an Interim Board (IB) and in establishing a new LGB, Mrs Bev Ashby (NSAT Vice Chair of Trustees) has provided exceptional support, guidance, and capacity. We graciously thank her for her dedication to the school.

Thank you for your continued support of Harrogate High School – we are immensely proud of the achievements of our whole school community and very much look forward to celebrating the future successes of the school.

Yours sincerely,



Jenn Plews
Chief Executive Officer
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