



21 September 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

A very warm welcome back to the new academic year 2021. We hope that you've enjoyed a wonderful summer and are recharged and ready for the year ahead.

It is with a heavy heart that we write to inform you that Mrs Charlotte Clarke, Headteacher will not be returning to Harrogate High School and has tendered her resignation.

Since Easter 2021, Mrs Clarke has been on '*special leave*' to care for her mother, who tragically passed away in June. Following this, and the news that her father is also unwell she has made the very difficult decision to permanently relocate with her family to the Isle of Man, to look after him.

We would like to recognise the incredible commitment and tremendous energy and passion that Mrs Clarke dedicated to the role of Head of Academy. After 15 years of service to the school and as one of Northern Star Academies Trust's Headteachers we will miss her a great deal and wish her much future health and happiness.

Recruitment to appoint a new substantive Headteacher to Harrogate High School for January 2022 will commence next week. It is vitally important to us that we can continue to provide stable and secure leadership, therefore Mr Mark Turner, will continue as Executive Headteacher and Mrs Lucy Greenwood as Head of School until the new Headteacher is appointed.

With thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

**Jenn Plews**  
Trust Leader CEO  
Northern Star Academies Trust

**Richard Walker**  
Chair of Governors  
Harrogate High School

