

Friday 27th May 2016

Dear Parents

Leadership and Structure at Sheffield Springs Academy

As we move into the summer, we wanted to update you with some important news regarding leadership at the academy.

As you will know, over the past three and a half years Mr Russell Heritage has been key in stabilising the academy at a point of real challenge, leading it out of Special Measures and providing the focus to begin the process to becoming a permanently Good school. He has provided calming leadership in the school and made a significant contribution to the progress that is underway. In doing so he has been excellently supported by staff across the academy and most recently by Mr Lee Morrith as Principal, and the existing Senior Leadership Team.

Mr Heritage originally only intended to stay at the academy for 18 months so we have been very fortunate that every time we have asked him to extend his commitment to us he has agreed.

Over the past couple of terms we have begun to look at the longer term priorities for the academy and assess how the school should best be structured and led for the future. We have therefore asked Mr Craig Dillon to become Executive Principal of Sheffield Springs Academy along with his responsibilities at Sheffield Park. Mr Dillon will be known to many of you and has been increasingly working alongside Mr Heritage and Mr Morrith over the past year as our plans have been developing.

Making this appointment will allow Mr Heritage to step back fully from his work at Sheffield Springs. We are all extremely grateful to him for everything he has achieved for the academy and look forward to him remaining as part of our team within United Learning.

Over the past half term Mr Dillon and members of the leadership team have been considering a number of alterations to the structure of the school day and year. These are outlined in his attached letter.

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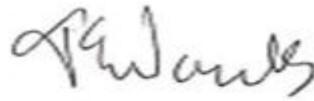
We all believe that these changes are appropriate and important for moving Sheffield Springs Academy to the next stage in providing an excellent education to every young person it serves.

May we wish you all a very happy half term holiday and the very best of luck to those students who are still working hard for their exams.

Yours sincerely



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Chief Executive



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