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Dear Parents/Carers

Headteacher's Retirement

I am writing to inform you that I will be retiring on 31 August 2019 as Headteacher of King Edward VI Handsworth Wood Girls' Academy. I have spent nine extremely happy years as the Headteacher of this academy, which have been the absolute best part of my 36-year career in teaching, so this has not been an easy decision for me. However, I feel the time is right for me to step down at the end of this academic year to take on new opportunities and for the academy to appoint a new Headteacher to take it further forward into the next decade.

It has been a real honour to be the Headteacher of this academy working with some of the very best teachers and staff in the profession. They have all supported me enormously to ensure that the quality of education for our students is the best it can be, for which I am extremely grateful. I have also had the privilege of working with your daughters, seeing them grow into confident and aspirational young women. They will certainly be able to make a great contribution to making this country a more equal and tolerant society as well as being able to have happy and fulfilling lives for themselves and their families. Finally, I would like to mention my appreciation to you as parents and carers in working with us to support your daughters' education. It has been lovely to meet with you and to get to know you, learning about the variety of different cultures that are brought together in this academy, which has made working here such an enriching experience for me.

The governors and the trust will now start the process of recruiting my successor and will advertise the job on Friday 15 February. I am sure they will appoint the best person for this wonderful academy. In the meantime, I will continue to work hard to ensure your daughters are happy and making progress in their studies.

Yours sincerely



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