

1st April 2020

Dear Parents

Leadership at Sheffield Park Academy from September 2020

We very much hope that your family is managing well with the current enforced closure of schools. Staff across Sheffield Park Academy continue to work very hard in preparing resources for the students and the feedback we have received is that these are proving popular and successful.

Despite the current disruption, our planning for the next academic year continues as normal. This summer, Mrs McShane will be retiring from teaching and will therefore stand down as Principal of the academy. We would like to thank her immensely for her leadership of the school and we know that she will be missed by staff and students alike. We very much hope that there will be opportunities during the summer term for her to say farewell to everyone in person as she will be remaining in post until the end of the academic year.

This summer we will also be saying goodbye to Mr Dillon who has been involved with the school for its entire time as an academy. The transformation that has occurred at Sheffield Park over this time owes so much to his personal contribution as a leader and his dedication to the school. We will wish him well for the future and thank him sincerely for the outstanding contribution he has made to this school and others locally.

To replace Mrs McShane and Mr Dillon we are very pleased to have appointed Mr Stephen Dixon as Executive Principal of the Academy. Mr Dixon is currently Principal of our Barnsley Academy and knows our Sheffield academies well due to the cluster approach we have adopted over the past few years. Under his leadership, Barnsley Academy has made significant progress and has recently received a very strong inspection from Ofsted. He will lead our cluster of secondary academies in the area and will be based at Sheffield Park.

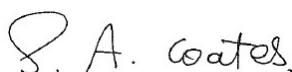
Over the summer term, a full transition will take place so that everything is in place for the academy to begin the new academic year in good shape.

Thank you all for your support of the school during this time. We all hope that the current situation will not last throughout next term. But, please be assured that, however long it lasts, staff at the academy will continue to be working hard to make the best of the situation and support the students in their education.

With best wishes



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