

Dear Parents,

### **Leadership at Central Academy**

I hope that everyone has had an enjoyable, restful and healthy Easter break and that students are returning to school all set for the term ahead.

As we announced at the end of last term, the restrictions due to Covid-19 have meant that Ms Bacon would be stepping down as Principal next month and would be returning to her family in France. Due to the latest lockdown restrictions that are now in place in France, it has become essential for her to return immediately and we wish her every success in the future and thank her for her leadership of the school.

This means that, from today, Mr Markham has taken over as Acting Principal at the Academy. In doing so, he will be supported by Mr Richard McGuire as Executive Principal and Mrs Oli Tomlinson as Regional Director.

I would like to send Mr Markham, all staff and students my very best wishes for the term ahead. There is a great deal to be achieved this term and we all hope that everything can progress in full with no disruption due to Covid-19. We must of course remain vigilant at all times and continue to follow social distancing, the wearing of face-coverings and all the other systems and processes that have been put in place to minimise the risk of the virus spreading.

Thank you, as parents and carers, for your continued support of the school and of your children during this very important summer term.



**Dame Sally Coates**  
**Director of Secondary Education**  
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