

18th June 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Appointment of Principal at Richard Rose Central Academy

We are very pleased to inform you that we have appointed Miss Ceri Bacon as Principal of Richard Rose Central Academy.

Miss Bacon was formally the Head teacher of St Paul's Catholic College, Sunbury-on-Thames, which she took on when it was requiring improvement and which was ratified by Ofsted as Outstanding within five years due to the transformative changes she had put in place. She has spent the past two years working from France as a coach to Head Teachers and other senior leaders in education and has an extensive knowledge of the issues and challenges that face schools in the current climate.

Miss Bacon began her teaching career in the North West and achieved her teaching qualification at St Martin's College, Lancaster after studying Modern Languages at Salford University. She is very keen to be in Cumbria to take up this post and is looking forward to spending time with staff and students at the academy.

We believe that Miss Bacon has the right mix of skills and experience to lead Central as it continues to consolidate its current strengths whilst progressing at pace in those areas of the school that still require it. When we took on the two Richard Rose academies we promised that our first intention was to make both schools securely Good. Now that both schools have achieved a Good rating, the challenge is to ensure that standards continue to rise and the school offers every child an excellent education throughout their time at the school. We are confident that her appointment will assist us in achieving this.

We are fortunate that Miss Bacon will be able to join the school in July and work with the Senior Leadership Team to finalise the planning for the academic year ahead.

May we wish you a successful remainder of term.

Best wishes

Sir Jon Coles

Chief Executive

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Dame Sally Coates

Director of Secondary Education