

Tuesday October 20th 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

This will be a more personal email than usual. I am writing to let you know that I shall be retiring as Headteacher of the Academy at Easter. I turned sixty in May and it had originally been my intention to retire last summer. Events, however, conspired against me and, for obvious reasons, it did not seem right to leave at that point. These things cannot be delayed indefinitely, however, and next term will be my last as Headteacher.

Leading the Academy has been the privilege, the pride, and the joy of my professional life. I shall always be grateful for the opportunity to work with such a remarkable team of colleagues as part of such a special community. Over the last year, the calibre of those colleagues and the resilience of that community have been tested as never before. Neither has been found wanting. I shall miss the staff and students of the Academy more than I can say.

Governors will begin work very shortly on choosing my successor. I have made it clear that, while I do not think it is appropriate for me to be involved in that process, I shall be available during the summer term to provide as much-or as little- support as may be needed for the transition process. I also hope to be able to continue to teach my three delightful Year 7 groups through to the end of the year. Easter will, though, mark the end of very nearly 20 years of Headship and the beginning of an exciting new chapter for me.

All that, however, lies in the future. Right now, I do not want to say or do anything which will distract any of us at the Academy from our collective endeavour of attending to the education and wellbeing of our students in these challenging times. Please rest assured that my single priority through the next six months will continue to be to steer the Academy through these difficult times in order to ensure the safety and success of all of our staff and students.

The last few months have seen unprecedented challenges for schools and I have been hugely grateful for the support, expressed both in words and in actions, we have received from so many of our parents. This winter will, I am sure, be at least as challenging as the months that have gone before, but I am confident that the commitment and determination of our whole community, staff, students and parents, will see us through.

With every best wish to you all.



RICHARD HEDGE

Headteacher

The Macclesfield Academy

Park Lane

MACCLESFIELD

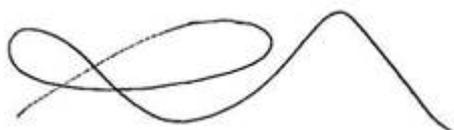
SK11 8JR

Email: richard.hedge@macclesfieldacademy.org

PA: Lara Nolan

Tel. 01625 383113

Email: lara.nolan@macclesfieldacademy.org



Richard Hedge

Headteacher

The Macclesfield Academy

PA: Lara Nolan

lara.nolan@macclesfieldacademy.org

Tel: 01625 383113