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Head: Michael Firth B.Ed, M.Sc, PhD, F.R.G.S.

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

## **End of Spring Term Newsletter**

As this term draws to a close, I thought it would be helpful to inform you of some changes to the management structure of the school from September 2016.

You have all received a letter from Paul Bolton, Chair of Governors, informing you of my retirement at the end of next term – and hopefully you received his subsequent letter notifying you of the appointment of Miss Horner and Mr Atkins to the respective posts of Acting Headteacher and Acting Deputy Head from September, pending a permanent appointment. I am delighted that they will take on these roles for which they are highly suited. Indeed, both are qualified headteachers (and have been so for some years), and, of course, know the school very well.

To give sufficient capacity to the Senior Leadership Team, the Academy Trust agreed at its meeting last week to advertise for an Assistant Headteacher (Teaching & Learning) to take up post in September. We have been keen to do this for some time and the restructuring following my retirement allows this to happen.

A few weeks ago, Miss Weatherall (Head of Sixth Form) advised me that the 70 mile round trip from home to school was causing her to consider looking for a new position nearer to home. Sadly for us, but good news for her, she has already found a similar role – again from September. Hence, an advert has been placed for her replacement.

Many of you will be aware of our efforts to appoint a chemist over the past few months. This is being re-advertised with the additional responsibility of 'Second in Science' and we expect that will produce a stronger field of candidates.

In summary, despite a number of changes, the school will have a strong leadership team from September with the opportunity to build upon excellent Meridian experience and with the addition of new colleagues. Next term, I will introduce the new team to you.

### **Other News**

Last Thursday we were informed by the Education Funding Agency that our bid to complete the re-roofing, replacement windows and timber cladding of the school building had been successful. The £350,000 grant was the final stage in the £2 million project to give the building a new 'lease of life'. Indeed, we have been successful in four of the last five years of applications. This work will commence in the Summer Term. Good News indeed.

Whilst Easter itself may be behind us, may I take this opportunity to wish you a happy Easter holiday.

Term commences at 8.45 on April 18<sup>th</sup>!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Firth', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr M Firth  
**Headteacher**