

10 November 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Change in Senior Leadership within the Academy**

As you will be aware, we made the decision to bring Mr Nolan into the academy as a Consultant Principal from September 2017, originally for the time period of 12 months whilst Mrs Taylor was on maternity leave. Through mutual agreement between ourselves and Mr Nolan, this period has been shortened to 3 months and has now come to an end.

Mrs Taylor has resumed responsibility as Principal, with immediate effect, but due to her forthcoming maternity leave, she will be joined by Mr David Craine, who currently operates as a senior member of the central GORSE Trust team, overseeing all elements of assessment across the 3-19 partnership. Mr Craine will act in the capacity of Associate Principal.

In addition to this, Mrs Leanne Griffiths, currently Principal at The Morley Academy will, from the point at which Mrs Taylor begins her maternity leave, provide support and additional capacity to Mr Craine and the well-established wider leadership team already in place, as an Executive Principal, overseeing both The Morley Academy and The Ruth Gorse Academy, in this role.

Mr Craine is an exceptional colleague with extensive experience at the highest levels of whole school leadership and I am fully confident that, alongside the Senior Leadership Team, Mrs Griffiths and the effective systems and expectations that are already firmly embedded, The Ruth Gorse Academy will continue to operate as an exceptional school; providing the highest standard of education to all of the students who currently attend.

Yours sincerely



Sir J A Townsley



Mrs R Taylor