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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and I hope that everyone has had a restful and enjoyable break.

The Trust is taking advantage of the opportunity to retain talent within our schools and is implementing a new school leadership structure for our secondary schools, following consultation over recent months.

There will be one Executive Head/Secondary Director for the two secondary schools, with each school having their own Head of School. The Head of School leads the school on an operational basis, supported by the Executive Head.

The Local Academy Board governors work closely with the Head of School and the Head of School leads the students, staff and wider school community.

The new structure will be fully implemented for the start of the next academic year.

I am delighted to let you know that Sarah Brinkley, currently Headteacher at John Mason School, has accepted the offer of the post of Executive Head/Secondary Director, following interview. She will take on the full role of Executive Head in September 2020, and until then headteacher arrangements are unchanged at both Fitzharrys and John Mason Schools.

We will be internally advertising the posts of Heads of School for Fitzharrys and John Mason Schools in a few weeks, knowing that we have talented colleagues within the Trust. We anticipate interviewing for these posts before February half term, with Local Academy Boards leading the process, involving students, staff and parent governors.

We will update you with the outcome of this process in due course.

With very best wishes for a highly successful and happy 2020,

Dr Fiona B Hammans

CEO