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Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to update you on the arrangements for leadership of Graham School from September.

As some of you will know, Mr Paul Brockwell has secured a new appointment from next term as Interim Headteacher at St John Fisher Catholic High School in Harrogate. St John Fisher is one of the leading schools in North Yorkshire and I congratulate Paul on his appointment. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank him for the contribution he has made at Graham School over the last year. The school has made considerable progress in recent months and this was confirmed both by the last Ofsted monitoring inspection in December and in a recent review by the Local Authority. We still have much work to do to be confident that Graham School is consistently delivering the standard of education you and your children are entitled to expect, but it is clear that we are now on the right path.

Our aim now is to maintain and build on that progress. Having consulted with Local Authority officers and with Hope Learning Trust as the designated academy sponsor, I am delighted to tell you that the Governing Board has appointed Emma Robins, currently Deputy Headteacher, as Acting Headteacher from September. Emma is a very experienced school senior leader and has played a key role in putting in place the changes which have helped secure improvements over the last twelve months. We believe that Emma's appointment provides the stability we need during this transitional period and minimises disruption to our Senior Leadership Team. We are confident that, under her leadership, the school will be able to maintain the progress that has already been made.

In the meantime, work is still continuing on plans for both Graham and George Pindar Schools to join Hope Learning Trust. This is taking longer than had been hoped, but you will begin to see visible changes around the school from September, including new uniforms. We will provide a more detailed update next term on progress and on likely timescales for the change to academy status.

Yours sincerely,



MALCOLM DAWSON OBE
Chair of Governors