



HECKMONDWIKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Staff, Students, Parents & Carers

I am writing by way of update to my earlier letter of 22 April, to inform you that the Governing Board has successfully recruited a new Headteacher to succeed Mr Peter Roberts, who will be leaving the school at the end of next term.

Governors were actively engaged in the recruitment process, which culminated in 2 rigorous days of interviews and assessment tasks last week. Our candidates faced questions from members of the school council, staff and governors.

Following interviews, I'm delighted to announce, on behalf of the Governing Board, the appointment of Mrs Kirsten Prescott to take over as Headteacher at the start of the spring term, commencing January 2027. Mrs Prescott brings many years of experience in senior leadership roles and shares our school's vision to continue to develop the school, fostering a supportive and ambitious community for all our students.

We trust that you will join us in wishing Mrs Prescott every success in her new role.

Yours faithfully,

Derek Cross

Chair of Governors