

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

On behalf of the Governing Body, we are writing to advise you that Dr Robin Bevan has decided to step down from his post as Headteacher at the end of the summer term this year.

It is almost impossible to encapsulate in a few words the significant contribution Dr Bevan has made to Southend High School for Boys over the last 17 years, but we would like to take this opportunity to pay a brief tribute to him.

During his time at SHSB, Dr Bevan’s passion and dedication has enabled the school to deliver the highest standards of teaching and learning, provide the best opportunities for our students, secure our best ever pupil achievements, and build and nurture a highly-talented and dedicated teaching and support staff team. His ongoing desire to share expertise and champion collaboration with our neighbouring schools and the wider education sector is also to be admired. He has secured SHSB a reputation for being open, collaborative and supportive in guiding the professional development and school improvement journey of many others. This commitment has resulted in countless accolades at a local, regional and national level.

Dr Bevan has been instrumental in shaping the lives of thousands of pupils who have passed through the school in those 17 years and he leaves a legacy which future pupils, for generations to come, will continue to enjoy.

We know Dr Bevan would be the first to give praise and gratitude to the incredible teaching and support staff who have worked with him. At the heart of the success, however, has been his vision and his dedication to nurturing and empowering the team, enabling them to deliver fantastic opportunities for our pupils and the wider community.

We are naturally very sad that he will soon be leaving us, but thanks to his planning there is a considerable depth of strength in the leadership and wider teams, and as a result we are excited about the future. Governors met last night and agreed to appoint Mrs Rachel Worth to lead the school from September in the position of Acting Headteacher; recruitment for a permanent successor will then follow. Mrs Worth is currently Deputy Headteacher at SHSB and has considerable strength, experience and understanding of our school. She will work with Dr Bevan and the rest of the team over the coming weeks to ensure a seamless transition.



As a parent body you have consistently provided considerable support to the school, for which we are extremely grateful, and we know you will continue to give the same support to Mrs Worth.

We feel honoured and privileged to have worked with Dr Bevan throughout his time as Headteacher and whilst we know over the coming weeks there will be occasions to show our further appreciation to him, we take this opportunity, on your behalf, to thank him for building SHSB into a beacon school; one which enables our students to be the best version of themselves, to go on in life to enjoy success and have a lasting impact in our world.

We also wish him health and happiness in his future retirement plans which will almost certainly include spending time with family, adventurous travel, recreational and competitive cycling and no doubt some degree of continued involvement in the wider education community.

Yours sincerely



Sharon O’Ryan
Chair of Governors



Paul Husselbee
Vice-Chair of Governors