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26 May 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted and honoured to be appointed as the new Principal for Fairfax Academy, and I look forward to getting to know parents, pupils and staff over the coming months.

From my experience of being a Deputy Head Teacher for six years in a local secondary school, I know that a successful and happy school depends on all of us working together, and I am committed to ensuring that communication between the school and all its stakeholders is regular, informative and supportive to guarantee all pupils have a happy and successful time whilst at the Academy.

Fairfax Academy has a history of excellence and a House tradition envied within the wider community. It is this historical legacy and school ethos of Sinceratis Laboris that has drawn me to the Academy. Coming from a mining family in West Yorkshire, I firmly believe in hard work, the dignity of labour, and that with perseverance comes reward. The Fairfax values of Ambition, Respect, Kindness and being Safe will be rooted in all we continue to do. Through these mutual values we will succeed in taking the Academy to the next stage of its developmental journey.

I am ambitious for Fairfax and passionate about ensuring your children's futures are both safe and successful at Fairfax and beyond, and will work with you to move the Academy forwards. My expectations and standards for behaviour, attendance, manners and respect, both inside the classroom, around the academy and within the local community, are as high for your children as they are for my own, and I believe in a no excuses approach, whereby children are enabled to succeed, no matter what their circumstances.

I am looking forward to finding out more about the school and its stakeholders in the coming months, so that any changes we make in this new chapter are supported by the whole school community. Please be assured that any change, if made, will be done so for the betterment of the whole school community and ultimately the wellbeing and education of its pupils.

I will be holding a number of events over my first couple of terms as Principal, including coffee mornings, meet and greets and drop in sessions, which will provide an opportunity to meet you and discuss the building of a successful partnership. These meetings will take place at different times, which I hope will enable most families to attend.

I am so looking forward to getting to know our wonderful students and families.

Yours sincerely

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MR S CASTLE
Principal from September 2022