



5th February 2019

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

In my capacity of Chair of Governors for Hall Cross Academy Trust I am writing to advise you that Pippa Dodgshon has announced her decision to retire at the end of this academic year, after 11 years as Principal.

Last Friday Governors selected Mr Simon Swain, who as you know is currently our Vice Principal, to be her successor. He will take up the role as the Academy's next Principal from September 1st 2019.

I know that you will wish to join me in thanking Miss Dodgshon for all she has done for Hall Cross during her time at the helm. You may like to know that she has agreed to work part time for the Academy supporting with a number of developmental projects, as we secure the future position of Hall Cross in the local landscape for students within and beyond our existing community.

The Governors have absolute confidence in Mr Swain to ensure that the values of the Academy are preserved and that our collective commitment and energies on behalf of all our students continue. With these joint positions, we believe we have secured the best prospects for both stability and progress.

Hall Cross is a special place; I know that Miss Dodgshon considers it to have been a privilege to serve its community and that Mr Swain will do likewise. We are all grateful for your continuing support.

Yours sincerely

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