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Dear Parents/Carers

14th May 2018

I am writing to inform you that I will be retiring from being Headteacher at Altrincham College at the end of December 2018. Whilst this is still many months away, the Governing Body will shortly be advertising for my replacement, inevitably the word will start to spread and therefore, I wanted you to hear this news from me directly.

It has been an absolute privilege for me to work at Altrincham College for 32 years, of what will be 38 years' service to education, and to serve for the past 15 years as your Headteacher. Time for a rest I think! I have hugely enjoyed working with a fantastic team of staff; talented, committed and inspiring young people, past and present; and very supportive parents and local community.

When I started at Altrincham College (or Green Lane as then was), the school had under 400 students on roll and was at risk of closure. In September 2018 we will have 1,000 on roll, we are hugely oversubscribed in every year group and of course, we are now an 11-18 Academy and the lead school in the South Manchester Learning Trust, our newly formed Multi-Academy Trust. In summary, the school is in a very strong place and therefore, it feels like the right time for me to step away.

I am aware that the departure of a long-standing Headteacher can create feelings of uncertainty and anxiety, however, I am one small part of a large, very experienced team. All the existing Senior Leaders and current staff, you know so well, will remain in post and I have no doubt the school will remain in very safe hands with a newly appointed Headteacher to bring new ideas and take the school to the next stages of its development.

On retirement I will not be stepping away completely, as Governors and Trustees have asked me to oversee the development of the Trust over a period of transition, albeit on very much a part-time basis.

The Governing Body will be appointing a new Headteacher in mid-June and I will be supporting them in this process. I will write to you again before the end of the summer term to inform you of the appointment.

Finally, and on a separate note, I give my very best wishes and say “good luck” to all our Year 11 and Year 13 students who embark from today on final GCSE and A Level examinations. I look forward to celebrating with our students at the results days in August and supporting their transition through to the ACA Sixth Form and for Sixth Formers, their transition into University or working life.

Yours faithfully



P Brooks
Headteacher



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