

26th April 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your family are keeping well, and that your child has settled back into school, ready for the Summer Term ahead.

I am writing today with some exciting news regarding the appointment of a new Principal for Ormiston Rivers Academy, who will lead our academy from September 2021 following the departure of Mrs Emma Baker at the end of this academic year.

I am pleased to let you know that we have successfully appointed an experienced Principal, Mrs Joanne Williams, who will join us from Ortu Hassenbrook Academy in Stanford Le Hope, where she is currently Headteacher.

Mrs Williams will bring a great deal of experience, expertise and passion to the role, having worked in education for 25 years, 15 of which as a senior leader and the last five as a headteacher. Formerly a history teacher, Mrs Williams has taught in many schools including in Essex, Bristol, London and Australia. In her latest headship, she has successfully led the school out of special measures and on a positive journey of improvement.

She shares the same high expectations we have for our students and our school, and is a values-driven leader, believing that a good education has the power to change children's lives, and that the main task of a school is to ensure children are safe, happy and successful.

Ahead of joining us, myself and the Governing Body, Ormiston Academies Trust (OAT), Mrs Baker and the senior leadership team will be working closely with Mrs Williams over the coming months to ensure a smooth transition come September.

Looking ahead, this is set to be a very exciting, ambitious and positive period for Ormiston Rivers Academy and we are very much look forward to continuing to build on our successful journey as a school, with your support.

In the meantime, I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank Mrs Baker for her outstanding contribution to our academy during her time here. She has expertly led our academy through a very challenging period for everyone, and has remained committed to providing our students with the best possible education and opportunities, and continues to do so. I know you will join me in wishing her the very best of luck when she does move on to her new role at the end of this academic year.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,



Matthew Symons
Chair of Governors
Ormiston Rivers Academy