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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of a temporary leadership arrangement that will be in place over the coming months.

As some of you may be aware, Mr Simon Prinsep is leaving his role as Principal of Abbey Grange Academy to explore new opportunities. While the recruitment process for his successor is underway, I have been asked to support Abbey Grange by taking on the role of Interim Principal.

During this period, I will continue to have overall strategic oversight at Bishop Young Academy (BYA) and will continue to be in school every week. To ensure strong day-to-day leadership and continuity at BYA, Ms Emily Kempthorne, our current Vice Principal, will take on the role of Interim Head of School. Ms Kempthorne is a highly respected and trusted leader within our community, and I have every confidence she will continue to uphold the high standards, care and supportive environment that define BYA.

This temporary arrangement will not affect my ongoing commitment to Bishop Young Academy. I remain deeply dedicated to the success and wellbeing of our students, staff and wider community and I am immensely proud to be part of such a remarkable school. I will resume my full-time responsibilities as Principal at the conclusion of this period of support.

Thank you for your trust and cooperation.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Rachael Lacey-Cole

Principal



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