



Dear Parents/Carers and Pupils,

Ahead of the summer holidays, I wanted to write to you all to inform you of some changes taking effect from September. As some of you will be aware, one of our partner schools in the Consilium Academies' Trust – Thornhill Academy – will have its Headteacher leave on the 31st August 2021.

To ensure Thornhill's pupils and staff are provided with the very best support through the autumn, and into the future, the Trust is working to appoint a new Headteacher to take up post in January 2022. In the meantime, I will be joining Thornhill as interim Headteacher to lead the school until a suitable appointment is made. This decision has been made as Washington Academy shares the values and ethos of Thornhill Academy, and following a fantastic period of success at Washington, it ensures the Academy is in safe hands during this transition period.

This is in no way a permanent move, and I want to reassure you that I will maintain an overview of day-to-day activity at Washington, will continue to be on site at the school, and will always support both staff and students to achieve their full potential. It was also mean shared practices between our two schools resulting in stronger relationships across the region and additional opportunities for us all.

During the autumn term, our Deputy Headteacher, Mr Austwick, will lead on the day-to-day operations at Washington and I know that he will continue to ensure each of our students and staff maintain the high expectations and aspirations we expect.

I wish you all a fantastic and well-rested summer and look forward to seeing you in September.

Kind regards,

Mrs Sue Hamilton
Headteacher, Washington Academy

