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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to share some important news regarding the senior leadership team at Kings Academy.

After years of outstanding service to the school, Rachel Hopwood, Deputy Headteacher, will be leaving Kings Academy to take up a Headteacher role at another school. Rachel has made a tremendous impact during her time at Kings, first as Head of Sixth Form and, during the past six years, as Deputy Headteacher. Her dedication, leadership, and commitment to our students' success have helped shape the strong, supportive, and ambitious culture we have at Kings Academy today. We are incredibly grateful for all that she has achieved and hope you will join us in celebrating her contributions. Rachel will be celebrating her time at Kings with the staff and students during the final assembly of the term.

I am also delighted to share that Courtney Mitchell has successfully been appointed as our new Deputy Headteacher following a very strong interview. Courtney, formally Assistant Headteacher at Kings Academy, brings energy, experience, and a deep commitment to supporting our students and staff, and we are excited to welcome her into this key leadership role. Her appointment will ensure continuity and further strengthen the Senior Leadership Team as we continue to build on the successes of Kings.

To ensure strong and consistent leadership at Kings Academy, I will be increasing my time in school as Executive Headteacher. Jo Cowper, our seconded Headteacher, will take on responsibility for examinations and support the redistribution of leadership duties across the school.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our staff for their continued dedication and hard work, and to thank you, our parents and carers, for your ongoing support. Kings Academy is a fantastic school, with brilliant students and exceptionally talented and committed staff, and together we will continue to provide the very best learning environment for our students.

Yours sincerely

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