



Friday 25th January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

I am sure you will have received by now the letter from our Chair of Governors informing you that I have decided to retire at the end of this academic year.

This has not been an easy decision to make after having being committed to Mark Rutherford School for the past 16 years. I can honestly say that my role as Headteacher at the school has been exciting, rewarding and challenging in equal measure. The staff, governors, parents and students make the school a true community and working in partnership has enabled that community to go from strength to strength. This school has an incredibly professional, hardworking and committed staff – without both the teaching and support staff this school would not be the vibrant, exciting place it is. We have a strong leadership team, robust systems and procedures in place that ensure the school runs smoothly, and the school will continue to run smoothly and provide our students with the education they deserve during this time of transition.

We have a great deal to do over the next two terms to ensure that our current group of students achieves the very best results, continuing the excellent tradition of impressive outcomes in the school. Be assured we remain completely focused on making this happen and all staff will continue to provide the high standard of education that parents, carers and students expect from Mark Rutherford School.

There is already in place a robust process to ensure that the school appoints a new Headteacher who will lead Mark Rutherford School through the next exciting phase of development.

For entry to the school in 2019-20 we are significantly oversubscribed for Year 7 and this is down to the hard work of all the students, staff, governors and of course the support and challenge from you, the parents and carers.

On a personal note, I would like to thank you for your support of the school's staff and young people over the years, which has helped us to ensure that we are able to give students the best opportunities to become good citizens who will contribute a great deal to our community and beyond.

Yours sincerely

Mr R Millard
Headteacher

