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Dear Parents / Carers

RE: Leadership Changes at Longfield Academy from September 2016

After nearly a quarter of a century of service to Longfield Academy, Mrs Anne Davis, Co-Principal of the Academy, will be leaving at the end of August of this year. She has been appointed as the new Principal of Dartford Science and Technology College from September. I would like to congratulate her on her appointment and wish her well as she takes on this new challenge.

Mrs Davis joined Longfield Upper School as Head of Maths in 1992. She rose through the ranks to become Senior Deputy Headteacher of Axton Chase School. Shortly after the School converted to academy status and joined Leigh Academies Trust in 2008, Mrs Davis became one of the Academy's Co-Principals and has held that post ever since. She has overseen a period as Principal when the Academy has been entirely rebuilt, adopted a small-school approach to education, more than tripled its headline examination results and become one of Kent's most over-subscribed high schools. She can be very proud of her long service and considerable achievements. She will be much missed by students and staff.

From September, Mrs Alex O'Donnell, who has shared the Co-Principal role since 2013, will become sole Principal of the whole academy. Mrs O'Donnell has the full confidence of the Trust and academy governors to take Longfield on the next stage of its journey to achieving Outstanding Ofsted status. The Academy is getting very close to that goal. She will be ably supported by our team of highly effective and experienced Heads of College: Ms Walker in Anderson College, Mr Hinks in Matisse College and Mr Lever in Galileo College.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support for the Academy. Like you, I am looking forward to some superb academic outcomes at the Longfield in 2016 after another year of hard work and dedication.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S Beamish", written in a cursive style.

Simon Beamish
Chief Executive