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Dear Parents/Carers

Appointment of Acting Head of School

We are delighted to share the news with you of the appointment of current Deputy Headteacher, Mr Pinto, to the post of Acting Head of School. Mr Pinto will take up the post with immediate effect.

As you are aware, when the previous Head of School, Mrs Briggs, announced her intention to move on we undertook an initial recruitment process to appoint a successor. In undertaking this process, we were well aware that finding a new leader who would have the passion and drive to take our good school to outstanding would be challenging.

We took the decision that no one external candidate met the standards that Pontefract Academies Trust set. In Mr Pinto, the school has an experienced senior leader in education who will continue the outstanding progress the school has made, and further embed our work around teaching and learning. Executive leadership of the trust will continue to support Mr Pinto and the recently strengthened senior leadership of the school on a daily basis.

A large number of parents have already met Mr Pinto and I am sure you will feel both delighted and very reassured, knowing that our school will be in the safest of hands. He will undoubtedly continue to develop our school with the greatest passion, drive and commitment to achieving the very best for all in our school community.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,

Julian Appleyard OBE
CEO

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Executive Director of Secondary Education