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Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

I hope this letter finds you well and the first three weeks of the new term have gone smoothly.

I write to you to share the news that I will be leaving my role as Headteacher of The King's School on 31 December 2023. I feel genuinely privileged during the last five years to have played a part in developing the school and young people of our town, in a school that has such significance in the local community.

If I cast my mind back to accepting the role in 2019, I, like everyone else had no idea what was to come in 2020 in the form of a global pandemic and the challenges it would provide for us all. (I might have said no!). This included the challenge of leading a school when there was so much uncertainty. That said, I would like to thank you for making that experience as easy as possible with your support for the school – both then and throughout.

I am immensely proud of what we have achieved despite the above accounting for two academic years. In 2019, the school's outcomes were in line with national average but in 2022 and 2023, we have achieved results for progress and attainment that far exceed our previous best outcomes and put the school where it should be in both a local and national context. A significant achievement, but only where our students deserve to be. This success is due to hardworking staff who put the needs of our young people first and I am proud to lead such a dedicated group of people. It was also satisfying last October for Ofsted to recognise this and add validation to the work we do.

A special mention must go to the students. It is easy to become complacent and think that The King's School is the 'norm' but it really isn't! Every visitor that comes through our doors comments on positivity and warmth and this comes from our young people who genuinely make going to work a pleasure.

Whilst I move on to new opportunities, I will be sad to leave but have absolute confidence that the school, and Trust will continue to flourish in the future. The Trust will be in touch in due course to update you on the arrangements for January 2024. However, in the short-term it is business as usual and my final promise to you is that I will continue to work as hard as I can to ensure our successes are repeated this year and our young people have the life chances they deserve.

Yours sincerely,

Mr D Pinto
Headteacher