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Dear Parent/Carer,

I wanted to take this opportunity to provide you with an update regarding the Headteacher vacancy at The King's School following the letter from Mr Pinto dated 26th September 2023.

Following careful consideration amongst school and Trust leaders, we have agreed that the recruitment campaign for the Headteacher position at The King's School will resume in January. As you know, we are committed to providing the very best education for our students and as a result we are keen to secure the very best candidate for this important leadership role. As with all leadership positions across the Trust, we take the time to ensure that we appoint the right person with the right values. The King's School is no exception.

In the meantime, I am pleased to announce that Mrs Jo Cross will be overseeing the leadership of the school. Mrs Cross is currently Director of School Improvement at the Trust and line manages the current Headteacher Mr Pinto. Prior to her current post, Mrs Cross served as Headteacher at Carleton High School. She was Headteacher when the school was named the most improved secondary school in the North of England in 2020. As a highly successful and experienced leader, Mrs Cross will be located within the school. I know that she is very much looking forward to supporting our students, staff, and the wider community. She is very well known to current senior leaders and staff across the school.

Please be assured that we are taking all necessary steps to ensure that the transition period runs smoothly and that our students continue to receive the high-quality education they deserve. We are confident that Mrs Cross will provide excellent leadership and support during this interim period.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

**Julian Appleyard OBE**

**CEO**

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