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# Emerson Park Academy

A SPECIALIST SPORTS COLLEGE

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Dear Parents and Carers

With reference to Mr Walsh's letter dated 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016 advising you of his intention to retire from the teaching profession at the end of this academic year, I am now in a position to advise you of the outcome of the Governing Body's recruitment of a new Head Teacher.

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Governing Body, parents, students and staff to thank Mr Walsh for his exceptional service to education, the last 14 years of which, have been with Emerson Park Academy. During his tenure he has overseen a major transformation in the school including our conversion to academy status; has delivered record performance results; and an improved OFSTED grading of "Good" and in the inspector's words "poised for Outstanding". I am sure you will join me in wishing him a healthy, prosperous and fully deserved retirement.

It was important to the Governing Body that we recruited a Head Teacher to build on Emerson Park Academy's many strengths and bring innovative ideas for the future; to be accessible and accountable; and to bring a rigorous approach to school improvement for the benefit of all our students.

Following a rigorous recruitment campaign, I am delighted to welcome Mr McGuinness who has been appointed as Head Teacher and comes to us with an excellent track record of leading school improvement, achieving admirable attainment and progress results from an Academy which has been graded "Outstanding" for leadership and management.

Mr McGuinness will take up his appointment in September 2016. Until then the school will continue to be led by Mr Walsh.

Yours sincerely,



J Luff  
Chair – Board of Directors

