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Dear Parent/Carer

Millthorpe School – appointment of Gemma Greenhalgh as Head of School

I wrote to you at the end of March to bring you up to date about the South Bank Trust's plans to sponsor York High and about Millthorpe's role in providing school improvement services to York High. Under these plans, York High School will become an academy in the next academic year. As part of this arrangement, our Headteacher, Trevor Burton, will become Executive Headteacher of both Millthorpe School and York High School from 1 September 2017. He will become responsible for the improvement of both. From September he will spend about half of his time at each school. He will still be a clear presence around Millthorpe School for staff, students and parents.

The leadership and management of Millthorpe School on a day-to-day basis will be through a new post – Head of School. We have recently interviewed for this post and I am pleased to announce that our Head of School will be Gemma Greenhalgh. Ms Greenhalgh comes to us from Bacup & Rawtenstall Grammar School in Lancashire, and was previously at Blue Coat School, Oldham. During her time at both schools, the schools improved from Ofsted ratings of 'Good' to 'Outstanding'. The selection panel were unanimous in selecting Ms Greenhalgh for the post. She is delighted to be joining us and she is looking forward to making her contribution towards our becoming officially an "Outstanding" school.

You will be very aware that this is a time of funding difficulties for schools and that to sponsor York High will need money as well as strong leadership. I am therefore pleased to inform you that the South Bank Trust has worked with both the City of York and the Department for Education to ensure that this project is properly funded and that no additional financial burden will fall on Millthorpe School.

Yours faithfully

Bill Schofield

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Chair of Governors