

10<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Families

You will be aware that Mr Hatley has taken the decision to leave his role as Executive Principal of The Hayesbrook School and The High Weald Academy at the end of December, after working with our Trust for the last five years. Mr Hatley will take up his new position in January 2021, and we wish him every success in this new role.

Mr Hatley has been an inspirational leader during his time with the Trust and we thank him for his vision, dedication and strong moral purpose. He will leave a legacy of excellent leadership teams in both schools; an improved curriculum experience; stronger community ties; and a culture where students know that through hard work and resilience they can achieve the university or career of their choice, an ambition for our students that will endure.

I am working with Trustees and HR colleagues to begin the recruitment process for Mr Hatley's successor and am confident of making an excellent appointment. I will keep you informed as this process progresses.

In the meantime, academy life will continue to focus on settling students back into school, with their education and well-being at the centre of all we do. I recognise that a change of leadership has the potential to be unsettling and can assure you that Mr Hatley, Mr St John, their senior team and academy staff will continue to provide the high standard of education that you expect and that your child deserves.

Thank you for your continued support of the academy.

Yours sincerely,



Nicola Taylor

Interim CEO, Brook Learning Trust