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Montgomery Academy

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Information for parents/carers of Year 11 students

Dear Parent/Carer,

You may or may not be aware that Mr. McArdle has been looking to move back to Ireland over the last 18 months due to family circumstances. Mrs. King supported the year group as Progress Manager throughout Year 10 as the timing of the move was uncertain due to a house sale. This has now been resolved meaning that unfortunately for us Mr. McArdle will be moving back to Ireland over the Christmas break. I am very pleased for him and his family, as they have wanted this for a while.

To quote a parent in a recent conversation, Mr. McArdle is a 'legend' and will be sorely missed by staff and students alike. He has worked at Montgomery for the last 22 years, helping it through some challenging periods, to the successful academy it is today. He is a superb and very experienced pastoral head of year, who cares deeply for all the students in his year group and others he comes across on patrol. His Irish charm and cheeky grin have diffused many a tricky situation and enabled him to build positive relationships with both students and parents. He has been one part of the Dream Team of Sharpe and McArdle, whose skillsets complement each other with Miss Sharpe being amazing at almost everything and Mr. McArdle being amazing at the rest. He is also a great member of staff and fiercely proud of the school and what it has achieved. Personally, I will miss him greatly though I know the move is the best thing for him and his family. I am sure you will join me in wishing him well. The students of a school in Ireland are going to get a fantastic teacher.

As a parent/carers, you will of course want to know what happens after Christmas. Mr. Taylor, Assistant Headteacher, will be the acting Progress Manager of Year 11, supporting Miss Sharpe for the last term and a half of Year 11 through to their Summer exams. Mr. Taylor has been the Progress Manager of a Year 11 group in the past and has been the SLT link for this year group since the start of year 10, so knows the students well.

I am sure the students will miss Mr McArdle greatly, though I would ask them to remember the many words of wisdom he has given them individually and in assemblies over the last 4.5 years that have meant that they, as a year group, are one of the most mature we have had. They need to continue to prove that, as they approach their exams and in the exciting next steps that lie ahead of them.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Careless