



# ASTLEY COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

## WHYTRIG MIDDLE SCHOOL

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**Executive Headteacher:** John Barnes

**Head of School ACHS:** Graham Scott

**Head of School WMS:** Jonathan Souter



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Dear Parent, carer and student.

I hope that you are all well and that you are looking forward to the Easter holidays. A gentle reminder to all year 11 and 13 that the holidays this year will require you to do some revision for the upcoming exams.

I am writing to you to share some very important news which is also sad as well. Mr Graham Scott has made the decision that he will be leaving Astley High School and Seaton Valley Federation at the end of this year.

I have no doubt that you will be as shocked by this piece of news as was I when Mr Scott informed me he was going to leave. After 30 years' teaching, of which Mr Scott has spent 24 years at Astley, Mr Scott has made the decision to move on and do new and different things.

I know that many parents and carers will have been taught by Mr Scott and I am aware of how highly regarded he is by the community and school.

There will be an opportunity to pay thanks for all Mr Scott has done later on this year. When someone like Mr Scott leaves, we all should honour and recognise just what an impact he has had on the school, the community and the many young people who he has educated and led over the years.

I have taken the decision to inform you of Mr Scott's plans because we will have to advertise and recruit for his job and I wanted you to be aware of what was happening.

I will of course keep you informed of Mr Scott's replacement when we have appointed them. Until then Mr Scott will continue to be doing all that he does to ensure that we have a great end to the school year.

I am sure that you will join me in thanking Mr Scott for all he has done in the last 24 years but especially in the last 5 years as Head of School. We have been truly blessed to have had him working for us and I am truly blessed to have had him as my Head of School for ACHS.

We will be taking the opportunity to wish Mr Scott all the best later on in the year.

I hope you all have a great Easter when it gets here.

Yours sincerely

John Barnes  
Executive Headteacher