

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

It is with great excitement that I am writing to you to confirm that we have now completed the process of appointing a new Headteacher at Tarleton Academy.

I am delighted to confirm that Mr Scott Parker has been appointed as Tarleton Academy's new Headteacher and will take up this position following the Easter holidays.

As I highlighted in my last letter in December, we utilised the services of an external recruitment partner to conduct a national campaign to secure the very best Headteacher for Tarleton Academy at this exciting time in its development. The advert attracted substantial interest, and we eventually shortlisted seven candidates who went through a robust two-day interview process in school last week. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff, students, Local Academy Council members and Trust colleagues who participated in this process and provided feedback on candidates.

Mr Parker is an exceptional leader, and is currently the Head of School at Wyvern Academy in Darlington. However, being from Lancashire and having started his career in education at Parklands High School in Chorley, Scott has decided that it is now time for him to come "home". Throughout the process, Scott demonstrated exceptional passion and commitment to serving the Tarleton community, ensuring that every child benefits from an outstanding education, and the support that they need to truly thrive.

The panel's decision was unanimous, and we are absolutely thrilled to have secured a new Headteacher who comes with such a strong track record of leading schools in a range of contexts, in each case developing excellent relationships with colleagues, students, parents, carers and partner primary schools.

I have absolute confidence that Mr Parker's leadership in partnership with Endeavour Learning Trust will take the school forwards and fulfil our mission to ensure that Tarleton Academy is a school where everyone belongs; everyone can be themselves; and everyone thrives.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs MacLaren for her leadership of Tarleton Academy as Interim Executive Headteacher. Mrs MacLaren will continue to provide leadership to the school until Mr Parker takes up post, and will be in close contact with Mr Parker over the coming weeks to support an effective handover.

I am also delighted to confirm that Mr Houghton, who has been working as Interim Deputy Headteacher during this period has accepted the position on a permanent basis. This appointment will support Mr Parker and Mrs MacLaren in ensuring a seamless transition after the Easter break.

Mr Parker will write to you directly when he takes up his new position but, in the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact school through the usual channels if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely



David Clayton  
Chief Executive

