

16 December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are looking forward to an enjoyable Christmas and I wish you a Happy New Year. I know it will be strange for us all this year due to CV19.

It is with a very saddened heart that I am writing to say farewell to you all pending my imminent retirement from Castle View Enterprise Academy. I have written hundreds of letters home to parents over time but this is without doubt the most difficult of them all.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as Principal at this wonderful school. However after nearly 20 years as a Headteacher and 28 years working as a senior member of staff in secondary schools, and nearly 40 years in teaching, I will be retiring at the end of December 2020.

Throughout my career, I have been very fortunate to work with some wonderful people, some brilliant teachers and some highly talented students and none more so than here at Castle View. It has been a privilege to lead such an amazing school and I will miss working with such a great group of staff and students.

I have always enjoyed coming to work and there is not a day goes past when I do not get to see the talents, skills and enthusiasm of our students in some way or another. It is watching young people grow and develop, achieving their potential, realising their ambitions, becoming responsible young adults and citizens that drives every teacher and it has been a great pleasure to contribute to making this happen for so many Castle View students.

Staff here have a great deal to do over the next two terms to ensure that our current group of students achieves as well as so many that have gone before. I can assure you that we are all completely focussed on making this happen and, whilst a change of Headteacher can be unsettling I can confirm we have excellent transitional arrangements in place and we will remain focussed on ensuring that we continue to provide the high standard of education that you, as parents, would expect from us.

I know that the school will continue to flourish in the future and I wish you and your children all the very best for a bright and prosperous future.

Thank you all so much for being part of my leadership journey and engaging so well with the school. Thank you for all your good wishes, cards and gifts.

A very proud Principal.

Best Wishes



Janet Bridges