

Parents and Carers
St Augustine's RC High School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know, Mr McGee will shortly be leaving St Augustine's to take on another school. I am writing to explain the next steps in the recruitment process for the Headteacher post, but firstly I would like to express my thanks to Mr McGee for his leadership of the school for the past 7 years.

During this time the school received a very positive HMI report in which leadership was praised overall, but Mr McGee's professional integrity and commitment to improving outcomes for young people was noted. Mr McGee also led the school during the time of raised attainment and improved sustained 'positive' destinations for young people, frequently outperforming the comparator schools. In short, under his leadership the school has a great many strengths and an agenda for improvement which I am sure will continue. I also want to add my thanks for his leadership during the response to COVID. Every decision he has taken has been done to preserve and promote the health, safety and wellbeing of the whole school population. I know that I am stating a view shared by the Parent Council as I expressly thank him for his very supportive, committed leadership and I wish him all the very best in his new position.

The recruitment process for the Headteacher will continue next term. In January we will be appointing an acting Headteacher to lead the school for the remainder of the session. This acting position will be advertised within the authority and the Parent Council will be closely involved at all stages. The Depute Headteachers will provide cover until the acting Headteacher post is confirmed and Mr McGee will provide details of the interim arrangements.

As you make your own final arrangements for the season, please accept my very best wishes. I hope the pandemic has brought disruption rather than heartache. All of our thoughts and prayers go out to those who are not so lucky. Finally, my thanks for your continued support of the school.

Yours sincerely



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