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Dear Parents/Carers

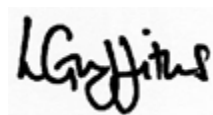
In my letter in December 2020, I promised to keep you informed about the appointment of a new headteacher. The post was advertised in January 2021 and it is a reflection of the school's high standing that the advertisement attracted a very strong field of applicants from schools across the East of England. A recruitment committee of governors, with the support of an ASCL (Association of School and College Leaders) consultant, shortlisted six candidates and spent three days with them just before Easter.

During a rigorous selection process involving staff, students, governors and representatives of the community, Dr Harris stood out as an exceptional candidate and was the clear and unanimous choice of all members of the final selection panel. Dr Harris is a local man and is well known for his outstanding work across Enrich Learning Trust where he has done remarkable work in raising and maintaining academic standards as the Executive Headteacher. He is passionate that every student should have every opportunity to achieve their personal best. The Governors are delighted to announce his appointment as the new Headteacher of Taverham High School. He will write to you in due course to introduce himself.

It is planned that Dr Harris will be joining us in September 2021, although this may be delayed until January 2022 if the Enrich Learning Trust is unable to secure a successor for September. If that is the case, during the Autumn Term Ms Dallas will continue to work with the Senior Leadership Team to support the school through this transitional period. Dr Harris will be visiting the school during the Summer Term to work with the school leadership and ensure a successful handover takes place.

With Dr Harris' appointment we can be very optimistic about a strong, stable and successful future for the school and I know that he is already looking forward to meeting with parents/carers and students and sharing his vision for the future.

Kind regards



Dr Lauren Griffiths ARRC
Chair of Governors
On behalf of the Governing Body at Taverham High School