



2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023

**FAO Pupils/Parents/Carers and Wider Community  
By Email**

Dear all,

**Re: Secondary Leadership Arrangements – Wreake Valley Academy & The Roundhill Academy**

I write to inform you that Mr Marston has taken the decision to resign from his role as Head Teacher at Wreake Valley Academy and The Roundhill Academy. Mr Marston leaves us mid-term to take up a new post at Willenhall E-ACT Academy which is based in Birmingham. As a Trust we are disappointed by Mr Marston's decision at this point in the year, however we wish him all the best for the future.

In light of Mr Marston's decision, we have put in place interim arrangements for the rest of this academic year.

From Monday 6 November Mr Ben Baxter will become the interim headteacher at Wreake Valley Academy. Mr Baxter has been working with us for some time and knows the school well. Mr Baxter will work very closely with Mrs Morland (Head of School) to add capacity to the leadership team and continue the work the school has already set out for the academic year. Mr Baxter is an experienced headteacher having run 'Outstanding' secondary schools in Oxfordshire.

From 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023 Mrs Natalie Teece will become the interim headteacher at The Roundhill Academy. We are very excited to have Mrs Teece on board. She is an experienced secondary Head Teacher who has a good knowledge of the Leicestershire area. We look forward to working with her to ensure that the school continues with its improvement plans.

Mr Baxter and Mrs Teece will be in touch in due course to introduce themselves to you.

I understand that the news of Mr Marston leaving the Trust may be a shock to the community. I wish to assure you that we have confidence in the excellent colleagues working in the senior leadership, teaching and support staff teams at both schools. I am confident that, with the addition of Mrs Teece and Mr Baxter, both schools are in good hands. My colleague Marie Collins (Director of Education) will continue to work closely with both secondary schools as she has been since September 2023.

I hope that you will join me in welcoming Mrs Teece and Mr Baxter to the trust and our secondary schools.

I would like to give a special thank you to Mrs Morland (Head of School, Wreake Valley Academy) and Mr Naujeer (Deputy Head of School, The Roundhill Academy) for their dedicated leadership to both schools at this time.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "G. Nelmes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'G'.

**Gareth Nelmes**  
**Chief Executive Officer**