

25 February 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on the recruitment of Ormiston Horizon Academy's new Principal. I am delighted to confirm that Mr Andy Fitzgibbon will take up the role with immediate effect.

As you will know, Mr Fitzgibbon has been Head of School at Ormiston Horizon Academy since September 2018, before spending two years as Vice Principal. During his time at the academy, Mr Fitzgibbon has been an integral part of the senior leadership team which has driven the continued improvement and success of the academy, including achieving a 'Good' Ofsted rating in March 2018.

Mr Fitzgibbon competed against a strong national field to secure this role. The strength of confidence that the executive of Ormiston Academies Trust has in Mr Fitzgibbon has also resulted in the decision that I am now in a position to relinquish my executive functions of the academy and return to my usual position of Regional Director for the north. Mr Fitzgibbon will therefore be the sole and substantive Principal of Horizon.

Alongside the senior leadership team, Board of Governors, Ormiston Academies Trust (OAT) and myself in my role as Regional Director, Mr Fitzgibbon will be working hard to maintain and build on the high expectations we uphold for our pupils, whilst continuing to promote our academy's culture of aspiration and achievement.

We are committed to supporting all our students to achieve their full potential whilst providing them with the opportunities and skills required to lead happy and successful lives. In addition to achieving strong academic outcomes, as a passionate sportsman, Mr Fitzgibbon also places great importance on the enrichment opportunities and extracurricular activities that we offer our students, helping to broaden horizons and raise aspirations.

I want to thank all of you for your support in enabling us to continue to raise standards and improve outcomes for all students at Ormiston Horizon Academy. We are confident that with Mr Fitzgibbon as Principal, we will continue to successfully build on what we have already achieved together.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

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