

Our Ref NAAT/PGAA

24th May 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

As the fifth half-term of the academic year draws to a close, I want to take the opportunity to introduce myself. As Director of School Improvement for Northern Ambition Academies Trust, it is my role to lead the strategic development activity for Airedale Academy including leading on changes to the curriculum and in improving the quality of learning experiences for children.

I am very pleased to be able to write to you today to let you know that we have been successful in appointing Andy Percival as Principal for Airedale Academy from September 2024.

From 1st of June, I will be joined by Mrs Eastwood who steps up as Head of School for the rest of the summer term. Mr Neal will leave the school at the end of May, his contract as Interim Principal having ended.

Mr Neal has made a massive contribution during his short time with the Academy, and I am certain that you will join me in wishing him every success and happiness in future.

During the few weeks remaining of the academic year, Mrs Eastwood and I will be focused upon strategies that will ensure that your child's experience of education at Airedale Academy will be greatly improved from September. As we approach the summer break, it is likely that your son or daughter will meet Mr Percival who will be spending some time in school prior to him formally taking up the role of Principal from September.

The Airedale staff and I really look forward to Mr Percival joining and leading Airedale from September. He is incredibly keen to get started and brings with him not only a wealth of experience but the energy and drive to make Airedale the school that we want it to be.

I will let Mr Percival formally introduce himself in a letter before the summer break and set out his vision for Airedale Academy. However, in the interim, I wish you a restful break and look forward to your son or daughter returning to us fresh and ready for the challenges of the last few weeks.

Kind regards,

Mr Paul Greenough
Director of Secondary School Improvement