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Dear Parent/Carer,

Principal Appointment

As we close for the Easter break, I wanted to write to you with an update on leadership at our Ashby Road campus.

As you know, we have been undergoing an extensive recruitment drive to appoint a Principal to work across both Landau Forte Academy QEMS and the Tamworth Sixth Form. The process attracted a very strong field of candidates and we are very pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Shapinder Minhas as the new Principal. She will take up post in June and will be working closely with the schools' existing leadership teams over the coming weeks to ensure a smooth transition.

Mrs Minhas is an experienced senior leader at both the secondary and Sixth Form levels, with a strong track record of driving improvement and raising students' attainment and progress. She will be joining us from her current role as Deputy Head of Coppice Performing Arts School in Wolverhampton, where she has led on Standards and Curriculum for the past eight years and helped to secure the school's best ever results. Prior to that, she has held a number of other senior and middle leadership positions across the region, with her own teaching specialism being in Business and IT.

During the interview process, Mrs Minhas impressed us with her enthusiasm for the role and her vision for the schools – preserving all that parents, students and staff value about them whilst building on the improvements achieved over the past few years. With both QEMS and the Sixth Form now judged as securely 'Good' by Ofsted, we know they have the potential to improve even further to ensure every student truly excels in their learning. We are confident that the appointment of Mrs Minhas will provide the additional leadership expertise to help achieve this.

As well as working closely with staff, Mrs Minhas is looking forward to meeting with students and families before she officially takes up post in June. We will be arranging opportunities for you to do so next term so please do keep an eye out for further details.

I would like to thank you all for your continued support of the schools and hope you will join me in warmly welcoming Mrs Minhas later next term.

Wishing you a very enjoyable, relaxing Easter break.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Findlay-Cobb".

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