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Principal: Mrs Gemma Trattles

Dear Student/Parents/Carers,

With the end of the new academic year I would like to welcome a new Principal to Outwood Academy Ripon - Mr Will Pratt. Mr Pratt has previously served as a Senior Leader here at Ripon, before working in Outwood Academy Adwick, Outwood Academy Danum and Outwood Academy Easingwold.

As an outstanding school, Outwood Academy Ripon takes great pride in being able to generate excellent leaders who can go on to support other academies within our Trust. I would like to commend Mrs Trattles, on her outstanding leadership of Outwood Academy Ripon and wish her every success in her new challenge as she moves to become Principal of Outwood Academy Redcar in September. Mrs Trattles was due to move to her new academy in June, following the Year 11 examinations however following the Hepatitis A outbreak we delayed her start so that she could continue to support students, staff and the community through this unprecedented time liaising with Public Health England to manage the situation. Mr Pratt joined the academy in June bringing additional capacity to Ripon. He has already enjoyed meeting students, staff and some parents.

Mrs Trattles, is looking forward to her new challenge in our academy in Teesside in our Trust's Northern Region. She wishes to share that it has been an immense privilege to work with the students, staff and parents at Ripon. As Executive Principal, I am sad to see Mrs Trattles leave but look forward to continuing to work with Mr Pratt as he moves from Easingwold back to Ripon. Mrs Trattles says, "I would like to thank all parents, carers, students, staff, Academy Council members and the wider community for their wonderful support. Outwood Academy Ripon is a uniquely special place and students and staff are simply outstanding. I have thoroughly enjoyed my tenure at Ripon and know Mr Pratt will continue the academy's success and high-quality education for all students!"

I am sure that you will all join me in wishing Mrs Trattles continued success in her new role and thank her for her excellent, dedicated leadership. She will be missed by us all. We welcome Mr Pratt. He is delighted to be returning to Ripon as Principal and his excellent leadership will continue to shape and further improve the educational provision for our young people at Outwood Academy Ripon.

Have a safe and relaxing summer holiday and please be reminded that the arrangements for students return to school will see Year 7 and Year 11 return Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September and Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10 return Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

Yours sincerely



Lynn James  
Executive Principal for the Central Region

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