



15th January 2016

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to inform you that Daniel Hatley will be stepping down as Principal of our partner school, Ark William Parker, at the end of the school year.

Daniel has taken the difficult decision to move on from the school due to personal circumstances; at present, he commutes nearly two hours each day from his home in Surrey, which has resulted in him making a number of compromises in his personal life. As such, he will be taking up a new headship from September at a school closer to his home.

My role as Principal at Ark Helenswood Academy remains unchanged and efforts to recruit an outstanding new leader for Ark William Parker Academy will begin immediately. We are now looking to appoint an Executive Principal – someone to lead Ark William Parker Academy as Principal on a day-to-day basis, but also to oversee and support Ark Helenswood as well.

This is a positive development for our school, one which will allow Ark William Parker and Ark Helenswood to work more closely together towards our shared goal of providing outstanding secondary education for the community – whilst remaining separate, distinct entities, each with its own individual character and ethos.

We at Ark Helenswood Academy will be sad to see Daniel go – his commitment to, and focus on, fostering academic excellence within a caring school environment has been a real asset to Ark William Parker Academy. He has been a fantastic colleague to work with and an outstanding Principal.

Equally, I'm looking forward to working with Daniel's successor to continue Ark William Parker and Ark Helenswood's journey towards becoming outstanding schools for Hastings and its community.

Please do feel free to contact me at any point if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

Lucy Monk
Principal



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