



Sherburn High School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

You may already be aware that Ms Oakley will be leaving her post as Headteacher of Sherburn High School in January 2026 to take up a new opportunity. While we are of course sorry to see her go, we know you will join us in thanking her for her commitment to the school and in wishing her every success for the future.

Please be reassured that both the Governing Body and Yorkshire Learning Trust are working hard to secure a suitable successor. An advert for the permanent Headteacher position will appear in the national press this week, and we are confident the role will attract a strong field of candidates.

In the meantime, Sherburn High School is fortunate to have a capable and experienced senior leadership team already in place. Should there be any gap between Ms Oakley's departure and the appointment of her successor, Mr Ralphs, Deputy Headteacher, will serve as Acting Headteacher to ensure the smooth running of the school.

The Governing Body, together with the Trust, will keep you fully updated on the appointment process over the coming weeks. We are committed to ensuring the school continues to provide the very best education and care for your children.

Thank you, as ever, for your ongoing support for Sherburn High School.

Yours faithfully,

Ian Yapp
Chief Executive Officer, Yorkshire Learning Trust

Alison Davey
Chair of Governors, Sherburn High School

