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Dear Parent / Carer,

Ahead of the summer break, I am writing to inform you of some leadership changes at our academy which will come into effect from September.

After proudly serving as the Principal of our academy for three years, I wanted to let you know that Mr Kevin Gallacher will sadly be stepping down from his role at the end of this term due to an ongoing health issue, which will allow him the opportunity to return to full health. Mr Gallacher has made this decision in the best interest of our school and our pupils, in order for a new leader to continue the positive journey that Maritime has made over recent years.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Gallacher for the dedication and commitment he has shown during his time at Maritime. He has made a huge contribution to our school and will be dearly missed. I am sure that you will join me in wishing him a speedy recovery and the very best for the future.

As such, I am pleased to announce that we have appointed an interim Principal, Mrs Carrienne Robson, who will take up the new role from 1st September. Mrs Robson brings a wealth of passion and experience to the role, having worked in education for 17 years with a specialism in chemistry and mathematics. Mrs Robson has worked in schools across the West Midlands and Staffordshire, holding various leadership roles, and has most recently been Head of a School at an academy in Tamworth.

I know that Mrs Robson is incredibly excited to be joining us at Ormiston Maritime Academy and is eager to meet with students, staff and parents to build on the improvements already made. In the Autumn term, Mrs Robson will be working closely with the leadership team, Board of Governors and the Trust to develop the next phase for our school as we enter this new chapter. To this end, she will be seeking the views of staff, parents and students to inform the next phase of development for Maritime. Like us, Mrs Robson sees education as very much a partnership between the academy, families and the local community and we look forward to discussing our continued positive journey as a school with you all. Please do look out for further communication from Mrs Robson in September.

In the meantime, I want to thank you for your continued support. We are so grateful to have you on this journey with us. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch, and I hope you and your child enjoy a very well-deserved summer break. We look forward to seeing you again in September.

Ms Sue Wallis
Chair of Governors
Ormiston Maritime Academy

