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Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of the school year which is also sadly accompanied by my departure from the Trust, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support over the past four years. I will miss the staff and students at both The Wellington Academy and Wellington Primary Academy – there have been many ups and downs since I took over as Principal in 2013, but the academies continue to thrive and develop to fulfil the original aims set out by the sponsor, Wellington College. It has not been an easy period to manage schools, with constant changes of curriculum and examinations imposed from successive governments being accompanied by ever tighter budgets. However, we have achieved a lot.

When I first started as Principal, we held open sessions for parents to comment on what needed to change at the academy. It was clear that much had to improve and we acted on these concerns quickly. The academy became a much more calm and orderly place to study and work and academic standards improved. I am very proud of the achievements of the staff and students in those first couple of years – they have set the foundations for future successful years to come. Although there is much to do still, the 2016 Ofsted report was a real highlight and was just reward for the hard work that had been put in to improve the school and secure the best possible outcomes for the young people of the area. There has been much to celebrate already; the significant numbers of our students now going on to university or good employment and the links with our partner schools in China stand out for me.

I would like to wish the academies, students and families the best of luck for the coming years. I have learnt an enormous amount professionally and taken pleasure in getting to know the community. My last day working for the Trust will be 23rd June. As you will be aware, Ms Abrilli Phillip has been appointed to succeed me as Executive Principal and will take over the role after that date.

I would like to wish you and your children the best of luck for the future.

Yours



Dr Mike Milner
Executive Principal