

Tuesday, 24th May 2022

Ambitions Academies Trust

Dear Oak Community

You will be aware from correspondence we sent out in March that Richard Burgas was on leave due to personal circumstances. I can now inform you that Richard has decided to step away permanently from his role of Principal at Oak Academy.

Richard has been at Oak and with the Trust for some years, in that time I know he has built really strong relationships with many of you. Richard cared deeply for everyone at Oak. Richard gave so much in the development of the school. Speaking with him, he has asked if the following message can be shared:

"The Oak Academy 'family' welcomed me from the moment I joined, and I feel privileged to have worked alongside some of the most dedicated, compassionate and humble people I know.

I am immensely proud of what we have achieved together and along with the joys, successes, tears and heartache all families experience, (and Oak was no different!) I leave with treasured memories of time well spent in trying to achieve the absolute best for the students and families in our community.

I would like to thank the amazing staff at Oak for their unwavering support during my time as Principal, particularly as we navigated the pandemic – they make the magic happen every day, and I know will continue to work tirelessly in keeping learning and well-being at the heart of Oak.

To everyone – the students, parents, staff and all the other professionals that have supported us throughout – thank you. Wishing you all the very best for your futures."

I am sure you like I will miss his smiling positive presence. The Trust would like to thank Richard for everything he has done for the school and community and wish him well for the future.

Yours faithfully



CEO
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