

Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the Chief Executive Officer of Ambitions Academies Trust, I really do have the best job. I get to lead a group of schools that work tirelessly to make sure the education provided for your child is the best it can be. We know education is not perfect, but for me, seeing the commitment of our staff teams and the high expectations our leaders strive to achieve everyday is what is important.

Our Trust brings together primary, secondary and special schools in BCP and Weymouth. We love the fact that we have such a wide range of schools within the Trust. It means that we can share expertise and ensure that together we all work to create the best environment possible for our young people.

Leading the Trust through the pandemic has been the toughest challenge I have faced. It has been great to get back to "business as usual" where pupils are in school and staff are working hard to make-up for all the lost time.

I have been so lucky to have been in education for over 35 years starting my career as a PE teacher in London and now being the CEO of an amazing Trust. I have loved every role that I have been lucky enough to do.

However, now is the time when I have decided to retire. This is not a decision that I have taken lightly, and I know I will miss it very much. It has been a privilege to have such a long and happy career in education. I am at my happiest when I am in schools talking with young people and observing all the wonderful things that go on.

Thank you for being such amazing parents, supporting your children and the school in that shared desire to make sure pupils can be the best they can be.

I wish you, your children and everybody at the Trust every good wishes for success and happiness in all that you do.

I will be retiring on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023. The Trust Board are currently in the process of recruiting the next CEO.

Yours faithfully,

**Sian Thomas** 

CEO

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