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Dear Parents, Carers and Students

I am delighted to take the opportunity to write and introduce myself to you all ahead of starting as your school's new Principal from January 2019. I have been in touch with St John's often since my appointment and I have been following with keen interest its progress over the last term.

I start in January with very high expectations for all at St John's in terms of standards of behaviour and pupil outcomes. The school is highly regarded and a great deal is expected by all associated with it, not least the Excalibur Academies Trust in which it serves. I fully endorse the principles of all children enjoying success, developing a love of learning for life in a school where teaching is outstanding. These are important and ambitious goals but they are also the right of all young people.

In terms of my immediate priorities, these will largely be to understand the strengths and areas for development at the Academy as well as meeting as many of you all as soon as possible. By the end of my first week, I expect to have held assemblies for all year groups and visited as many classrooms as possible. Standards and an opportunity for my expectations to be made clear will be my first priority; two areas that I look forward to working with the Senior Team quickly to establish and build upon.

Writing to you also provides me with an opportunity to share a little more about myself. Many of you will know that I am coming to you from Abbeyfield School in Chippenham where I have been Headteacher for almost 5 years. My wife is a Deputy Headteacher in a school in Swindon and we have three children between us, aged 18, 15 and 13; they all currently attend Malmesbury School where we live. Outside school, I have a number of interests I try to pursue. These revolve largely around trying to find the time to run, cycle and swim; sometimes I get to put all three together and take part in triathlons. I enjoy the outdoors and I am very proud of my Yorkshire roots.

Becoming Principal at St John's is a great honour. In doing so I get to become part of a great tradition and I have already been made to feel very welcome by Dan Rogan, the rest of the Senior Team, The Governing Body and The Excalibur Academies Trust.

I hope that you all have a successful Christmas Break and I very much look forward to meeting you in what I am sure will be an exciting New Year.

Kind Regards.

Yours sincerely

Ian Tucker
Principal from January 2019

