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Dear Parents and carers

New Headteacher Announcement

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Mrs Shaheen Shariff as the new Headteacher of Carleton High School. Mrs Shariff will take up the post on 1st September 2022 as the successor to Mrs Jo Cross. As previously communicated, Mrs Cross will take up the position as Director of School Improvement at Pontefract Academies Trust in September, working across our family of schools.

During a rigorous selection process involving staff, pupils, governors and representatives of the Trust, Mrs Shariff stood out as an exceptional candidate to all those involved. She was the clear and unanimous choice of all selection panel members.

Mrs Shariff is currently Deputy Headteacher of Carleton High School and knows the school well. Between now and the end of the academic year, Mrs Shariff will work closely with Mrs Cross to ensure a smooth transition and handover for September.

With Mrs Shariff's appointment, we can be very optimistic about a strong, stable, and successful future for the school, building on the progress made in recent years. We know that she is already looking forward to communicating with parents and students sharing her vision for the school's future.

Yours faithfully

Neil Applebee
Chair
School Performance Review Board

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