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Principal: Chris Byrne BEd

12th December 2017

Dear Parent/ Carer

I am very sad to inform you that Chris Byrne, Principal at Northallerton School & Sixth Form College, has made the decision to retire from his role as Principal at the end of this term in order to spend more time with his family. We wish to offer our thanks, and also wish him well for the future.

Chris has been a teacher and school leader in Northallerton for 32 years. He was Co-Headteacher at the Allertonshire School, and joined Northallerton School as Associate Headteacher before becoming Principal. During his tenure as a school leader at both the Allertonshire School and Northallerton School, he has led the schools through a number of significant changes including the amalgamation of the Allertonshire and Northallerton College, and the recent move of Years 8 and 9 to the college site. He has most recently steered the school safely through a particularly turbulent period.

We would like to record our sincere thanks to Chris for his long service in Northallerton, as a teacher and a leader both at the Allertonshire School and Northallerton School and Sixth Form College. He has contributed much to the development of the educational provision in the town. He is well-respected and principled and he will be missed.

In the light of Chris' retirement from the end of this term, we are pleased to announce that Keith Prytherch, Principal at Caedmon College Whitby, will take over the leadership of Northallerton School & Sixth Form College as Executive Principal for two terms. He will be based full time at the school. In addition, we are very pleased that Keith will be supported by the recently retired headteacher of Risedale Sports & Community College, John Kelly, who will take on the role of Associate Headteacher from 8 January 2018. Both Keith and John are very experienced and strong headteachers who also know Northallerton School and its community very well.

To support the school in this change of leadership, Mr Prytherch has requested that the 8th January 2018 will be a staff training day in place of the calendared date of 16th April 2018. Students will therefore be in school on 16th April 2018, and are not expected to be in school on 8 January. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if the change of date causes any problems.

The first day of the Spring Term for all students will therefore be Tuesday 9th January 2018.

Mr Prytherch also wishes you to be aware that he will be available to **meet parents of students in Years 7, 8 and 9 on Thursday 11th January 2018 at 5.30pm** in the Main Hall at the college site, and he would like to meet parents of students in **Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 at 6.30pm**, also in the Main Hall at the college site.

I would also like to take this opportunity to inform you that, after 20 years as a governor at the College and amalgamated school, I have decided to stand down as Chair and as a Governor at the end of this term, to coincide with my 70th birthday. It has been a huge privilege to be associated with the school over this period of time.





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Next term will see a significant amount of change for Northallerton School. The governing body has every confidence that the school will continue to develop in strength, and we are fully committed to ensuring that it provides the best possible education for its students. We wish you all a very happy Christmas and the very best for the New Year.

Yours sincerely

R M Barker

Chair of Governors

