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Dear Parents/Carers

It gives me great pleasure to write to you as the new Head of Academy at Skipton Girls' High School. I am delighted to be in post and am looking forward to leading the continued development of the school. I would also like to thank the staff, students and parent body for their warm welcome during my first week. I was able to introduce myself to students in gatherings last week and to parents through the Friends of SGHS and Parents in Partnership in recent weeks.

I am originally from Yorkshire, having grown up in Bradford and attended York University. I have over 20 years of experience in teaching, including a variety of leadership roles in Good and Outstanding schools in the Somerset area. For the last 4 terms I worked as part of an interim leadership team supporting a school in special measures in Bristol. I have a particular interest in the cognitive psychology of learning and gained a distinction in MSc Neuroscience and Education from the University of Bristol last year.

My aim is to ensure that all students receive a world class standard of education and that every student has the best possible opportunities in their academic and personal development. I place a high value on being a visible leader and being present in lessons and at the start and end of the school day, speaking to students and staff about their learning. Over the coming months I will communicate with parents about how I intend to continue to move the school forward.

I strongly believe that the three way relationship between students, parents/carers and staff underpins student success and am very much looking forward to meeting you in the coming months. I would encourage open communication between school and home at all times so please do not hesitate to contact myself via Mrs C Simmonite, Head of Academy's PA at simmonitec@sghs.org.uk, or my colleagues, if there are any matters you wish to discuss.

Yours faithfully



Mr M Turner
Head of Academy

