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Dear Parents/Carers

Mr B Morley

We are writing to share the good news that the next headteacher of Oldbury Academy has been appointed and will take up the post on 1st September 2024.

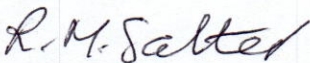
As you know, Mr Shackleton successfully gained promotion within Stour Vale Academy Trust in the autumn term and was due to take up his new role at the beginning of the summer term. However, the stability of Oldbury Academy and the consistent provision of high-quality education at the school has remained our priority throughout the headteacher recruitment process. Finding the right successor for Mr Shackleton at Oldbury Academy is vital to the school's continued success and that is why we have taken the time needed to make the right appointment. We are delighted to inform you that the next headteacher of Oldbury Academy will be Mr Barry Morley.

Mr Morley is a very experienced and successful school leader who is currently deputy headteacher at Windsor High School and Sixth Form in Halesowen. His extensive knowledge, expertise and passion for education were evident throughout the interview process. Moreover, Mr. Morley's deep commitment to the pupils of Oldbury Academy shone through. We are sure that he will lead the school from strength to strength over the coming years and we look forward to welcoming him to Oldbury Academy and to the wider family of Stour Vale member schools in September.

Mr Shackleton will continue as headteacher of Oldbury Academy until 31st August 2024 when he takes up his full-time substantive post as Executive Leader of Schools for Stour Vale. Mr Shackleton has been headteacher of Oldbury Academy since 2017 and in that time, he has led the school on a journey of rapid and sustained school improvement, resulting in significantly improved outcomes for pupils and a securely 'good' Ofsted judgement in 2021. We know he is highly regarded by pupils, parents, and staff and that the trust you place in him is richly deserved. Mr Shackleton has brought incredible energy and dedication to the leadership of Oldbury Academy. His unflinching commitment to outcomes for Oldbury pupils and to the welfare and well-being of everyone connected with the school is testament to his integrity.

We would also like to thank the pupils and the staff team at Oldbury Academy for their support throughout the extended headteacher recruitment process. We very much appreciate their hard work in ensuring that the process ran smoothly and their commitment to working with governors and trustees to facilitate the right appointment.

Kind regards



Ms R Salter
CEO



Mr N Griggs
Chair of Governors