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Dear Parents & Carers

Re: Deputy Headteacher promotion

I am writing to let you know that Mr Declan Mooney, Deputy Headteacher, has been successful at interview and will start as the new Headteacher of Dene Magna from September. Mr Mooney has been at The Dean Academy for over ten years and has played a huge part in driving up standards at the school. Mr Mooney has a wealth of knowledge and experience and, whilst we will be sad to see him go, we are delighted for Mr Mooney and his family and know that he will be brilliant in his new post.

Mr Mooney started at The Dean Academy in 2009 initially as our Head of Science. He has been promoted internally and held positions of Assistant Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher and has skilfully led areas of the school such as behaviour and ethos, attendance and most notably safeguarding. Mr Mooney's commitment to ensuring all students have opportunities to thrive at our school have ensured he is the perfect candidate to take on the Headship at Dene Magna. Personally, I am grateful to Mr Mooney for his insight, sense of perspective when things are tough and unreserved commitment to raising standards.

We know that parents might be nervous to hear that Declan and myself will be taking up new roles in September. Firstly, I think it is important to recognise the way in which we develop talented leaders and teachers at this school and in our Trust. Both Declan and myself, have been supported by the Trust and people moving on for promotion is a sign of the positive culture for development we have here. We are very confident that we continue to grow and develop hugely talented school leaders at all levels here at The Dean Academy. Equally, we have confidence that our unique story of school improvement is secure and that sustainable change is not based on individuals. Governors and Trust Leaders will now look to appoint people who understand what great schools look like and I know that the staff who work here will support them in this next chapter. I want to reassure our community that the school is in a good place and that we are fully confident that the positive culture here will ensure that the school goes from strength to strength.

Yours sincerely

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