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Richard Brand: Headteacher

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to inform you that I have taken a very difficult decision and today submitted my resignation from the position as Headteacher at The Dean Academy. I will leave at the end of August, having been offered a new opportunity overseeing a number of schools for a Trust closer to home.

It has been a privilege to be Headteacher of The Dean Academy since 2020. I will always be proud of how, working together, the school has gone from strength to strength. I have many highlights but I am particularly proud of securing a Good Ofsted inspection in all categories, improving exam results so that students now exceed national average for progress, and overseeing the growth of the school to approaching 800 students. I have every confidence in The Dean Academy staff and leaders within the Academy that they will continue to take the academy forward.

The Athelstan Trust, working alongside our Governing Body, will now work to appoint an excellent replacement as Headteacher of The Dean Academy, and I know that they will keep you fully informed throughout the process. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support throughout my time as Headteacher at The Dean Academy, I will always appreciate it and never forget it.

The Dean Academy is a really special place. It is a special place because of the students, staff and parents that contribute to our community. That will remain the same, and I look forward to reading and hearing about continued successes long into the future.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

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