

18 June 2024

Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to let you know some important news about the leadership of the School in the coming months.

Mr. Larkin has been appointed to a promoted role beyond Lowton Church of England High School as a Director of Education of a large group of schools. He will take up his new post in January 2025, meaning he will leave his post as headteacher of Lowton at the end of December 2024.

As Governors, we will now begin the process of recruiting his replacement. We will do the groundwork for that this term and go to external recruitment in early September. The Governing Board is committed to maintaining stability for our students throughout this process.

Since he joined in September 2020, the School has significantly moved forward under Mr Larkin's leadership. The School has achieved a 'Good' Ofsted inspection, outcomes in national examinations have improved and the new intake for the School is full with a waiting list to join.

As you might expect, Mr Larkin remains fully committed to the School up to the point of his departure. Along with the strong leadership team and wider staff, he will continue to lead in the way he has for the last four years – with dedication, high expectations and a strong moral drive for the very best for each student in the School.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me by writing to me via the School or emailing the Clerk to the Governors, Mrs Ruth Harrison (harrisonr@lowtonhs.wigan.sch.uk).

I'm sure you'll all join me in thanking Mr. Larkin for his dedication and hard work while at Lowton and we wish him every success in the future.

Yours faithfully,

Rosemary Johnston

Chair of Governors

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