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Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted and incredibly proud to be writing to you following the announcement from the Governors that I have been appointed as Headteacher of The Malling School from 1st September 2026.

Having worked at the school for the past six years as Senior Deputy Headteacher, I already know what a special community The Malling School is. I have seen first-hand the dedication of our staff, the care shown towards our students, and the commitment of families who want the very best for their children. It is a real privilege to have the opportunity to lead the school into its next chapter.

I would also like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Mr Vennart. His leadership, dedication and commitment to The Malling School over many years have had a lasting impact on the school and on the many students, families and staff who have been part of our community during that time. He has led the school with integrity, care and a deep commitment to young people, and he leaves behind strong foundations on which we can continue to build. I know you will join me in thanking him sincerely for all he has done and in wishing him every success for the future.

When I first joined The Malling School, I was immediately struck by the warmth of the school community, the strength of relationships between staff and students, and the genuine care shown for each young person. Over the years, I have also seen the enormous potential within our students and the ambition staff have for helping every child succeed.

As a parent of two teenagers myself, I understand how important it is to know that your child is safe, happy, supported and challenged at school. I also understand that secondary school can bring moments of pride, excitement, worry and uncertainty for families. Strong communication and partnership between home and school are therefore incredibly important to me, and I am committed to working closely with parents and carers as we continue to move the school forward.

The Malling School is already a school with strong foundations and significant potential. My vision is to build on those strengths while ensuring every student experiences high-quality teaching, strong support, a real sense of belonging, and the confidence and opportunities to shape their own future.

Over the coming years, our focus will be on continuing to strengthen teaching and learning, broadening opportunities for students beyond the classroom, and ensuring every student leaves The Malling School fully prepared for the next stage of their life. At



the heart of this will always be a commitment to both ambition and care. I firmly believe that the most inclusive thing we can offer young people is high expectations, combined with the support, encouragement and guidance they need to thrive.

As I prepare to take up the role formally in September, I would really value hearing from parents and carers about your current views of the school. Your feedback will help me understand what you feel is working well, as well as the areas you believe we should continue to develop. I would be grateful if you could spare a few minutes to complete the short survey here: [Parent and Carer Survey: The Malling School – Fill in form](#)

I look forward to meeting many more of you over the coming months, both through school events and informal opportunities to meet and talk. I will continue to be a visible presence at school events and within the wider school community, so please do come and introduce yourself if you see me.

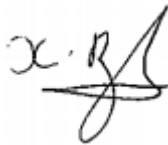
If you would like to speak with me or arrange a meeting, please contact Karon Truscott, the headteacher's PA and we will be happy to arrange this where possible.

Thank you for your continued support of The Malling School. I feel incredibly optimistic about the future of our school and very proud to be leading the next stage of its journey.

Please click the link below to be taken to our latest TMS newsletter.

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Yours sincerely,



Karen Davey
Senior Deputy Headteacher

