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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to let you know that I will be leaving St Thomas More Catholic Voluntary Academy as Headteacher at Christmas.

This is not an easy letter to write. St Thomas More is a truly special place, and it has been an enormous privilege to serve as Headteacher of this school.

Over the years, I have had many opportunities to visit, work with and support other schools. Those experiences have often reminded me just how special St Thomas More is. Schools are ultimately about people, and at the heart of STM are our pupils and the staff who work with them every day. They are what make this school the place it is.

I have always been immensely proud of our pupils. They bring so much to the school and have made it a genuinely rewarding place to lead. I am equally proud of the staff who care deeply about them and who give so much every day to help our young people succeed.

Like every school, we have faced challenges along the way, but what has always stood out to me is the strength of this community and the way people come together when it matters most. There is something about St Thomas More that is difficult to capture fully in words, but anyone who knows the school will understand what I mean.

Leaving will therefore be incredibly difficult. St Thomas More has been a significant part of my life and I will leave with many happy memories and enormous pride in what we have achieved together.

I wanted parents and carers to hear this news directly from me and to take this opportunity to thank you for the trust and support you have shown me during my time as Headteacher.

It has been a genuine privilege to serve this community and St Thomas More will always be a very special place to me.

Yours sincerely,



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