

Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

After 8 years of being the Chief Executive Officer at Ambitions Academies Trust it is now time for me to pass on this amazing role as I retire at Christmas.

I have loved leading the Trust and have had the privilege to be able to visit all the academies and have seen so much change over the time that I have been the CEO. There has been an incredible amount of work put in to ensure we deliver the best quality of education in all our academies. There has been a real focus on reading over the past 4 years; we know that improving children's ability to read and comprehend can have a significant impact on them accessing all the curriculum areas as they go through their compulsory school years.

I am delighted to be able to hand over the leadership of the Trust to Paul Holman, so Paul will be the Interim CEO from January 2024. Paul has been a Director in the Trust for many years and I know he will continue the great work going forward.

The Trustees completed the recruitment process for a new permanent CEO and Fay MacRitchie was appointed and starts on February 19<sup>th</sup> 2024.

It just remains for me to say a massive thank you to all of you for everything you do to support the academies and for also supporting your children through their education.

I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a great 2024.

Best wishes



**Sian Thomas**  
**CEO**  
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