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Dear Parents and Staff

It gives me great pleasure to be able to introduce myself as the upcoming Headteacher of Aylesbury High School (AHS), commencing September 2019. Having lived locally in Princes Risborough for the last 18 years, taught and led at local schools and been a parent with a daughter at AHS for the last 7 years, I have a good understanding of the great reputation that AHS has under the leadership of Mr Alan Rosen and the Governing Body. I have had the opportunity to work alongside some of the staff previously and have witnessed the great commitment and opportunities here. I fully intend to build upon this success and harness the skills, enthusiasm and commitment of the teaching staff, support staff and the students to continue AHS's journey of constant improvement.

To introduce myself, I grew up in Grantham, Lincolnshire and was educated in the local boys' Grammar School. My teaching career started at Reading School, a state Grammar School, where I was a Biology teacher and later became a Boarding Housemaster and Master in charge of hockey. From here I moved on to become Head of Biology at the Royal Grammar School High Wycombe, followed by Head of Science Faculty and finally Assistant Head. As well as maintaining the highest academic standards, during my 16 years there I also led several World Challenge trips, introduced KS3 skiing trips and ran a contingent of 200 cadets in the school's Combined Cadet Force (CCF). I joined The Chalfonts' Community College in 2016 as Vice Principal and have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunities this has offered me and I have learned so much in my time there. This journey has reinforced my belief in the importance of a well-rounded education through a combination of academic rigour and breadth of co-curricular opportunities.

Having taught in the Bucks state school system for nearly 20 years I understand the challenges faced and also the tremendous opportunities we have with our young people and the committed and professional staff. I am looking forward to working with Mr Rosen and the Governing Body to ensure a smooth transition. I hope to have the opportunity to meet many of you at forthcoming events over the coming months. In particular I am looking forward to the important 60th Year Anniversary events such as the Festival in July 2019.

Finally can I say that the girls are our greatest ambassadors and I was hugely impressed by the girls I met both in the interview process and also as I walked around the school. It is my great honour to lead AHS and I will work tirelessly to repay the confidence that you place in me by entrusting your most valued possession to our care: your daughters.

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year.

Giles Scoble