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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to share some important and positive news about our leadership team at The Portsmouth Academy.

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Sarah Dedman has been appointed as Head of School, beginning after February half term. This is a new role that will help us continue to improve our school and give even more support to our students, staff and families.

I want to reassure you that I will remain the Executive Principal of The Portsmouth Academy. I will continue to lead the school, and Mrs Dedman will work closely with me every day. Her appointment strengthens our leadership team and will help us make progress even faster.

Over the past year, we have seen many signs that the school is moving in the right direction.

- Attendance is improving
- Student behaviour is better and disruption is reduced
- Learning in classrooms is stronger

We want to keep this positive momentum. Having Mrs Dedman as Head of School will help us make sure that the progress we are seeing continues and that students feel supported, safe and ready to learn.

We know there have been changes in leadership in recent years. Please be assured that our focus now is on stability, consistency and long-term success for your children. This change gives us the capacity to move forward more rapidly and to take the next steps as a school.

We are excited about this next chapter for The Portsmouth Academy, and we look forward to working with you as we continue to build a school where every student can achieve their best.

Thank you for your continued support; as always, if you want to get in touch please contact us via info@theportsmouthacademy.org.uk

Yours faithfully,

Daniel Botting
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