



14<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Letter from Mrs Nicki Hodges, Executive Headteacher Swale Academies Trust**

I am writing to update you on some changes and celebrations at the school.

First and foremost, I would like to congratulate the students of Year 11 and Year 13 last year, with such a fantastic set of results. We couldn't be prouder of the students who have worked so hard for these. I would like to extend my thanks to the staff and parents of our students who have supported the students so ably in achieving these amazing results.

In other news it is with great delight that I can formally welcome The Holmesdale School to Swale Academies Trust. Although the Trust and the school have worked very closely for a long time now, it is a great pleasure to formalise that relationship and continue with the support for all our students.

Following this news there will be a change in Executive Headship at the school which will transfer from myself to Jon Whitcombe, CEO, for this year to support the school into the Trust.

As many of you will know I have been working very closely with Glenn Prebble and the staff at The Holmesdale School over the last few years and have been privileged to be part of that very successful journey. Although I will not be based at the school I am delighted that I will continue to work with the school in my capacity as Director of Sixth Form in the Swale Academies Trust so I certainly will be no stranger. The leadership and staff in the school are in a stronger position than ever and I look forward to hearing the good news of future results and achievements.

Finally, we would like to welcome again all our new students which have increased in number significantly this year. They have made an excellent start. We are now looking forward to welcoming the Year 6 students and parents to our open evening and mornings.

Kind regards

Nicki Hodges  
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