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Dear Unity Community

I wanted to share some important news with you all. Later this academic year, I will be leaving my role as principal at Dixons Unity Academy to take up a new opportunity as executive headteacher with Pontefract Academies Trust.

This decision comes with mixed emotions. Whilst I am excited about the next chapter, I am incredibly sad to be leaving Dixons Unity and the extraordinary staff, students, and families who make up our Unity Community. Over the last three years, we have achieved so much together; from improvements in outcomes and attendance to securing our first ever 'Good' judgment from Ofsted in 2024. I am proud of the work we have done and confident that the school will continue to go from strength to strength under a new principal and the talented leadership team.

Luke, our school and college trust leader, asked me to pass on this message:

"Ash has made a significant contribution to Dixons Unity during his time as principal. Working closely with the team, he has helped drive improvements and strengthen the culture of high expectations. His leadership has set the school on a positive trajectory, and we are grateful for his commitment and hard work. We are in the process of appointing a new principal and are fortunate to be able to draw on strong leadership from across our trust to support both a successful transition in the spring and into the future".

In the meantime, I will continue to lead the school and ensure a smooth transition. I will be proud to welcome a new principal to the Unity Community that we have built together, and I know the future of Dixons Unity is bright.

Thank you for your support, commitment, and belief in our shared mission. It has been an honour to serve this community.

Yours faithfully

Mr A Jacobs **Principal**