



# WOODBROOK VALE SCHOOL

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## Headteacher Announcement

I am writing to inform you that after six extremely enjoyable and rewarding years at Woodbrook Vale, I will be leaving at Easter to begin a second headship at an 11-18 school in Derbyshire.

I have enjoyed my time at Woodbrook Vale immensely and it is with some degree of sadness that I announce this news. I am proud of how the school has evolved, particularly as a result of our 11-16 age range conversion. During this transitional period the school site developed significantly, including the acquisition of our wonderful sports centre, and I am confident that the excellent GCSE results achieved since the qualifications were first introduced in 2015 will continue to surpass national expectations.

I have appreciated the support offered by our parents during my headship and have enjoyed the many constructive discussions about our school. I have also been extremely fortunate to lead a professional and dedicated team of teaching and support staff who always put the students at the heart of everything they do.

Our students are, in my opinion, one of the school's greatest assets. They are genuinely impressive young people who are outstanding ambassadors for Woodbrook Vale. I will miss their infectious enthusiasm and their willingness to engage in conversations about a range of issues, including the merits (or otherwise) of supporting Leeds United!

I have no doubt that the school will be an extremely attractive proposition for ambitious senior leaders, and the vacancy will generate significant interest from high calibre candidates. Succession planning is already well underway and I am sure governors will make an excellent appointment in the near future.

In the meantime, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents, staff, students and governors for their support during my headship. Woodbrook Vale is a wonderful place to work and learn. We should all be extremely proud of the role it plays within our community and the caring ethos that is embedded throughout the school.

I will look back at my time here with very fond memories and look forward to hearing about further developments over the next few years as Woodbrook Vale continues to go from strength to strength.

I wish you all a happy and successful future.

Kind regards

Gary Peat  
Headteacher

