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Dear Parents

I would like to inform you that James Woollin, our Assistant Head in charge of pastoral provision in key stage 3 and 4, will be sadly leaving us at Easter. Mr Woollin has been successful in achieving a promotional post. He will be Deputy Head at Hardenhuish School in Chippenham.

Mr Woollin has been a valued part of our senior team for some years. Many of you will know him through Friends of Farmor's events, parents' evenings (where he is a constant presence) and through his on-going support for students and parents. Many students will appreciate his support for rugby at the school also, and have been taught History by him over the years.

Despite Mr Woollin often having to deal with students and parents when school is not going as well as it should, he maintains a calm, professional manner and a sense of humour. It is his light-hearted take on life that we shall most miss. I am sure that you will join with me in wishing him all the best for his future career.

I am delighted to announce that we have been successful in appointing a new Assistant Head, Mr Roger Eckersley, to begin in September. Mr Eckersley emerged from a very strong field of candidates as an exceptional pastoral leader. Mr Eckersley is known to some at the school already, both through his involvement in the Maths Hub work and as a mountain leader, supporting this year's '3 Peaks Challenge' for Year 12 students. He will be taking on many of Mr Woollin's responsibilities, most notably working with our Head of Year team to further develop our pastoral support and ensure students are happy, hard-working and well behaved.

Given the gap between Mr Woollin's departure and Mr Eckersley joining us please be aware that your child's Head of Year will be working even harder than usual and be patient if we are unable to provide our usual quick response. We will, of course, ensure students are safe and well.

Yours faithfully

Matthew Evans
Headteacher

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