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Dear parent or carer

You will be aware that I was unsuccessful in my recent application for the Principal's post of the Falmer Academy. This was a huge disappointment to me, as I have really enjoyed working with the everyone connected with Falmer High School over the past five years. As a consequence, I have had to look for other Headship opportunities in the local area.

I was recently interviewed for the post of Principal at Portslade Community College and can inform you that I was successful in securing the position. The post starts in September 2009, which means I will be leaving Falmer at the end of the summer term.

In one respect I am delighted and excited by the challenges that lay ahead. On the other hand I will be leaving Falmer with a huge amount of regret, as it is a community to which I am very attached and do not leave readily.

The Governors and Local Authority will ensure that interim arrangements are in place for the vacant Headteacher position during the year between my departure and the start of the Academy in September 2010. I can assure you that Falmer will continue to make progress and thrive during this transition period.

Yours sincerely

Stuart McLaughlin
Headteacher