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Update on leadership at Bradford Academy

I write to inform you that our Chair of Governors, Dr Manoj Joshi has stepped down from his role after four years and the governing body have elected Adrian Farley to take on this position.

Dr Joshi was one of the founding governors of Bradford Academy instrumental in the inception of Bradford Academy long before any staff were even appointed. Successfully securing funding and ensuring the ambitious project was delivered, we have much to be grateful for in his service to our community.

He also served as Vice Chair for a considerable number of years, and we are very fortunate to continue to benefit from his expertise as he remains an integral part of the governing body.

Mr Farley, who has been Vice Chair for the last four years has the following message to share with you all:

"I am grateful to my fellow governors for placing their trust in me to chair the governing body. I want to express my thanks to Manoj Joshi for his service to our School as Chair over the last 4 years. Gareth Dawkins invited me to join the Academy's governing body shortly before his untimely death and I have undertaken several roles on the Governing Body since my appointment. The covid19 pandemic has placed a huge burden upon us all over the last 2 years. I want to thank each and every one of you for your dedication and the professionalism you have shown to ensure our children continue to receive the best education possible. I am so proud of our School.

I also want to thank Tehmina Hashmi for her steadfast leadership over the last few years as Executive Principal. Her departure will be felt by the school and across the District. I am sure you'll join me in wishing Tehmina a long and happy retirement.

I am sure next year will see more challenges come our way, but working together we will overcome those. You have my full support. I wish you and your families a Happy New Year."

I can also announce that following my decision to retire from the profession, the governing body interviewed for the post of Executive Principal (interim) and have appointed Melanie Saville to this post. Mel has been the Primary Principal since 2014, leading the Primary phase and more recently supporting St Matthews Primary School. She has worked in Bradford her entire career and is passionate about ensuring all children receive their best possible outcomes, setting them up for a life of success and happiness. Taking over from Mel will be Jennifer Jakes who has been Senior Vice Principal for 6 years. Jen is passionate about inclusion and developing the whole child.

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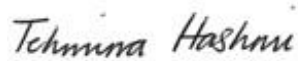


I am confident that the leadership of The Academy will continue to pursue excellence working with families to both support and challenge in our ambition to “Be the Best”.

Over the next half-term, I will work with Mel Saville, governors and the leadership team to ensure there is a smooth transition before I finally hand in my green lanyard.

I wish the Academy well on its’ onward journey as I begin to move on with mine.

Regards,



Tehmina Hashmi
Executive Principal

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