

March 2017

Dear Parents, Carers and Staff

On behalf of the Interim Executive Board and the LA, I am very pleased to tell you that Richard Woods has been appointed as the substantive Headteacher for Hanson. Mr Woods has been the Headteacher on an interim basis for almost three terms and we are fortunate to have been able to appoint him to the permanent post. He is committed to making Hanson the best school for all the students, the school of choice for the local community and a place where good staff want to work and teach.

For the next 18 months The Gorse Academy Trust will be working with Mr Woods, staff and students as our school improvement partner. The focus of the partnership will be on raising standards of teaching and learning and outcomes for students. We are told by the Department for Education that they are not actively seeking a new sponsor at this stage.

In addition, from 17th April Mr Woods will be working with a new Governing Body which will include elected staff and parent/carers governors.

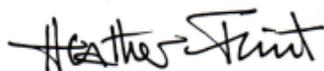
The Governor Services Department of Bradford Council will be running an information session for any parents, carers or staff considering standing for election on Thursday 16th March 2017 at 4.30pm at the school.

Meanwhile, if you are thinking of standing as a governor you can use the link below to find out more about the roles and responsibilities of governors from the National Governors Association website at :

<http://www.nga.org.uk/Be-a-Governor.aspx>

I am confident that with a new Governing Body and under the leadership of Mr Woods, in partnership with the Local Authority and the Teaching School Alliance from Gorse, Hanson is on the road to rapid and sustained improvements from which all staff and students will benefit.

Yours faithfully



Heather Flint

Chair of Hanson IEB