



10th December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you of an important change to the Senior Leadership Team at Minsthorpe Community College.

Last week, I received a letter of resignation from one of our Joint Principals, Mrs. Rachael Merritt, who has decided to retire on 31st August 2026.

Mrs. Merritt has been a valued member of Minsthorpe Community College for 30 years and, for the past seven years, has successfully led the college as Joint Principal. Her dedication, commitment, and care in guiding Minsthorpe Community College, its staff, and students has been truly outstanding. I know she will continue to demonstrate these qualities until her final working day.

Please be assured that we do not anticipate any noticeable changes to the day-to-day running of the college. The Governing Body will fully support Mr. Gilmore, who will continue in his role as Principal from September 2026.

We will keep you updated as we progress through 2026 and plan for the future of our college.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs B Semper
Chair of Governors

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