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Dear #TeamMaidenErlegh Community

It is with a mix of emotions that I write this letter to inform you of my decision to step away from my position as Headteacher of Maiden Erlegh School this summer. After almost 6 years of service to this incredible community, the time has come for me to embark on a new chapter in my professional journey as Director of Education at Corvus Learning Trust.

First and foremost, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to each and every member of our community – students, parents, staff, SAB members and trustees – for your unwavering support and commitment to our school throughout my time here. Leading such a dynamic, aspirational, and vibrant community has been an honour and a privilege, and I am immensely proud of all that we have accomplished together.

When I started in January 2019, I never in my wildest imagination thought that we would tackle a global pandemic together or achieve so much over the years! We did, and that is down to your support of the school, our amazing students' resilience and dedication and the staff body who are, quite simply, remarkable. The achievements, awards and success stories could fill several pages of a letter and the unwavering commitment everyone in our community demonstrates towards striving for excellence is the key reason why this school will continue to be one of the best in the country, year after year!

While I am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead, I will deeply miss the daily interactions and shared experiences that have made Maiden Erlegh School feel like home. I started at Maiden Erlegh in 2005 as a newly qualified teacher before leaving in 2015 and returning in 2019, having spent nearly half of my entire life at Maiden Erlegh School, it truly holds a special place in my heart.

Thank you, once again, for the privilege of serving as your child's Headteacher. It has been an absolute rollercoaster but one which I have loved every step of the way and will cherish for many years to come.

Mr Johnson will provide you with more information about the process of finding my successor in due course.

With warmest regards and deepest gratitude.

Mr P Gibson Headteacher



