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Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted to enclose the latest edition of The Derby High School newsletter and to report on another year of tremendous achievement. Presentation Evening was, as always, an inspiring experience with so many prizes to award to another year group of students who have made outstanding progress and for whom exciting opportunities lie ahead.

Our 2015 examination results have confirmed, once again, that we are one of the best schools in the country for students' progress at GCSE. As a popular and successful school it is no surprise that we are oversubscribed with well over 180 first preference choices for September 2016. We are proud to offer a particularly rich educational experience that is clearly much appreciated by our students and our community.

As you know this is my final letter to you. The Derby High School has been a huge part of my life for the last fourteen years and I am very pleased that the school is performing at such a high level. It has been a huge privilege to work with such a talented and hard-working staff and to have been so well supported by an outstanding leadership team and a first rate Governing body under the exceptional Chairmanship of Mr Peter Whitnall.

On my retirement in December, I will be pleased to 'hand over the reins' to Mr Margolis who will be Acting Headteacher for the Spring term, ably supported by Deputy Headteacher Mr White and our excellent team of Assistant Headteachers and middle leaders.

The Governing Body have appointed my successor, and Ms H Hubert will be joining the school as the new Headteacher in April 2016 following a successful career as Deputy Headteacher at Oulder Hill High School in Rochdale.

It has been a huge privilege to work with our students and to serve our community for so many years. In a teaching career of thirty six years, the students of The Derby High School are, without doubt, the best young people that one could hope to meet. Your support as parents has been unstinting and I would like to thank you all most warmly for everything you have done to make the partnership between home and school so very positive.

The Derby High School is a unique and special school and I wish everybody well for the future.

Arrangements for the end of term: Friday 18 December 2015

As in previous years, the school will close early on the last day of term. Students will be dismissed from 12.15 pm. All students should make their own way home once dismissed. Please note that the 799, 790 and 487 school bus services to Radcliffe and Walmersley will not be available.

The Spring term commences on Monday 4 January 2016.

May I wish you all an enjoyably festive and restful break.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alysca Byrne".

MRS A E BYRNE

Headteacher

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