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Dear Parent or Carer,

### **Leadership of The Hart School**

We are writing to tell you that on 31 August Mr Chris Keen will be stepping down as Principal of The Hart School in order to take up a new leadership challenge at a sister Creative Education Trust School in Nottingham.

During his four and a half years as Principal at Hart, Mr Keen has overseen an ambitious programme of improvement and modernisation in secondary education for Rugeley. The school has moved to the refurbished Penkridge Bank Road site and educational standards have been rising steadily. Last year's exam results were the best in the school's history. They made Hart the second most improved school in Staffordshire and thus in the top 200 schools for improved performance nationally.

The result of these transformations is that the school is now one of the most sought after in the county by parents who want to ensure that their children enjoy the best kind of all-round education, with opportunities to excel in academic, sporting and creative activities in a safe, friendly and supportive environment.

Mr Keen's high ambitions for the children of Rugeley and the surrounding villages has inspired his team of school leaders, teachers and support staff to create a school that we can all be proud of as a community asset. There will be opportunities later in the academic year to celebrate this achievement. In the meantime, please rest assured that we will shortly begin the search for an outstanding successor to Mr Keen to carry on this excellent work.

Yours faithfully,

Marc Jordan  
Chief Executive CET

Alan Murphy  
Chair of Academy Council