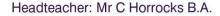
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Friday 16th December

Dear Parent / Carer,

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your support for our school during the past four years. I have enjoyed the privilege of leading a wonderful Catholic community at the end of my thirty two years in education. Although I am not about to embark on my full retirement, I will miss being part of a school community, particularly one such as ours where pupils, parents, staff and governors work in such close harmony.

As you are aware, the school's Governing Board has appointed Mrs Cooper to be my successor. In my view, it should be reassuring to all that the school will be led by somebody who has devoted so much of her career to our school, and for whom the values and traditions upon which the school is built, matter so much. I will look forward to charting the school's continued success under her leadership.

On a personal note, I want to thank all of my teaching and support staff colleagues for the amazing work they do each and every day. Likewise, without the support of my fellow senior leaders I really could not do the job. They have proven to be dedicated, skilled, professional and hardworking. On a daily basis, they have ensured that our shared vision is put firmly into action. I will miss their help and guidance, but above all their company.

Finally, I wish to return to the point made earlier about the privilege of serving as Headteacher. In fact, the same has to be said about spending a career in education. To be able to work alongside young people is both inspiring and sustaining. Young people, no matter at what point of their development they find themselves, are full of hope and potential. This has been even more apparent during my time at All Hallows. I thank you for entrusting to us your wonderful children, who constantly show what a credit they are to both themselves and their families.

I wish you all a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year, and look forward to watching from a distance as All Hallows continues to go from strength to strength.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Horrocks.

