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Every time I look at the weather forecast for next week, it appears to get hotter, with the latest forecast being 38°C for Wednesday! This will likely make for a couple of uncomfortable days for everyone across the UK. All Headteachers have been supported with advice and support for assessing risk and this will be used to help guide decision making in due course, so that we remain mindful of the impact this (mini) heatwave could have on our pupils and staff.

It is with yet more sadness that I start this final briefing of the school year by paying my respects to another of our pupils who has passed away. Charlotte Noble, one of our Sheffield Children's Hospital pupils at Becton, died on Friday 1 July aged 16. Charlotte has been a pupil on and off our roll since 2019 and had been receiving palliative care for cancer since 2020. I'd like to express my deepest sympathies to her family for their loss, and I'd also like to thank our staff for the memories they created with Charlotte during her time with us. I have no doubt that her time with Becton School enriched her all-too-short life, and that Charlotte will be, perpetually, remembered with love and affection for the impact she had on us.

I'd also like to use the remainder of this briefing to say some goodbyes; share some congratulations; and welcome somebody new.

Firstly, I'd like to thank **Shaz Biggin & Pamela Smith** for their tenures as Chair of Governors at Hilltop and Kelford schools, respectively. Shaz stepped down in June and Pamela will leave her role at the end of this school year. Both have played pivotal parts in supporting Hilltop & Kelford schools through times of change and also a global pandemic (!), and I'm personally grateful for their voluntary contributions to the work of our trust. Thank you both!

At the end of August, **Emma Heyes** will also be leaving us after 4 years at Nexus MAT. Emma came in as project manager for our two new schools, Bader and Discovery, and about 2 years ago she also took on management of our corporate governance function. I'd like to thank Emma for her efforts during her time with us, and we all wish her well in her future adventures.

Congratulations to **Sam MacDonald**, who has recently been appointed permanent Head of School at North Ridge, and also **Jade Soler-Alcaraz** who has been appointed Deputy Head. Both Sam and Jade bring continuity and high quality to the reshaped leadership team at North Ridge, under the executive leadership of Lisa Suter. I'd also like to congratulate **Rebecca Lowe** on becoming our new Deputy Head at Craggs - Rebecca has been Assistant Head for 4 years and is a great appointment as the new Deputy to Headteacher Liz Normington.

Finally, I'd like to welcome **Mark Greenwood** to the Nexus MAT Board of Directors. Mark, who lives in Doncaster, joined us at the end of May and will add real strength to our volunteer governance team, whilst also bringing shared values and ethics!

Have a great summer, one and all, and thank you!


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