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Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to introduce myself as the new Headteacher of Belper School and Sixth Form Centre. From the very first moment I walked round the school, I knew that Belper was somewhere I wanted to work. Its caring ethos, friendly students and rich curriculum are very much at the core of my educational values and I am delighted to be joining the school.

I am sure that you will agree with me that the current Headteacher, Mr Cooper, leaves the school very well placed for the future and it will be a great privilege to pick up from where he left off. I will be meeting him regularly over the next few weeks to ensure I am fully prepared to start in September.

I will join the school after over 25 years in education and 7 years as a Headteacher in Leicestershire at a school with very similar values to Belper. These values are about providing an education which transforms lives through academic excellence, a personal development curriculum and a positive learning community that allows all students to flourish.

In the autumn term we will be planning the next phase of the development of the school and will look to build on its many strengths whilst maintaining its strong values. To this end, we will be seeking the views of parents and students to inform our work. I see education as very much a partnership between families and school and your insights will be greatly appreciated.

One topic that seems to be high on students' agenda for next year is the uniform policy. I can confirm that this won't change for 2019/2020 because I think it is an important part of the ethos of the school. However, the Governors and I will review it from time to time as they have done in the past.

Have a great summer and see you in the new academic year!

With my very best wishes

**Nick Goforth**

**Head of Belper School and Sixth Form Centre (from September 2019)**