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Dear parents and carers,

We hope your child has settled well into the summer term following the Easter break.

As you will be aware, this week marks Mrs Rachel Kitley's final week as Principal at Cowes Enterprise College. We wanted to provide you with an update on leadership arrangements for the term ahead.

As Rachel prepares to leave the academy, we would like to thank her for her significant contribution over the past nine years. She has led the school through a sustained period of improvement and leaves Cowes Enterprise College in a strong and stable position. We are very grateful for her leadership and commitment to the school community, and we wish her every success in her new role with Ofsted.

The school already benefits from a strong leadership team. For the summer term, Ms Vicky Wells, Vice Principal, will take responsibility for the day-to-day running of the academy. Vicky is a well-established and highly respected member of the senior leadership team and knows the school, its students, staff and wider community exceptionally well.

Vicky will be supported by Miss Hazel Walker, Vice Principal, and Mrs Claire Slade Carter, who is now also a Vice Principal. Together they will work closely with the senior leadership team, staff and our school community to continue driving the academy forward.

We are also pleased to confirm that Mr Adrian Price, a highly experienced Senior Principal within Ormiston Academies Trust, will provide additional strategic leadership during this period. Adrian brings a strong track record of school improvement – having been a Principal and Senior Principal across several Ormiston schools - and will work closely with both the school and the Trust to ensure continued progress and stability.

We are still undergoing a recruitment process for this role, and will keep you informed of developments as and when appropriate. However, we hope this update provides reassurance that the academy continues to be well led and fully supported. The senior leadership team, governing body and Ormiston Academies Trust remain united in their commitment to maintaining the school's positive direction of travel.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I know you will join us in wishing Rachel and her family all the very best for their next chapter, and we look forward to embarking on a positive final term ahead.

Yours faithfully,

Rachel Richards
Chair of Governors
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