22nd January 2018



Dear Parents

Leadership at Morton Academy

Following a recruitment exercise that attracted strong candidates from across the country, we are very pleased to announce that we have appointed Mr Richard McGuire as Principal of Morton Academy.

Mr McGuire will be known to everyone at Morton, having been part of the senior leadership team over the past eight years and we are sure that his appointment will be widely welcomed by parents, staff and students.

During the recruitment process we were struck by Mr McGuire's commitment to Morton, his understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing the school and his level of ambition for continuing the progress that has been made since the school joined United Learning.

Having taught across a number of schools in Carlisle during his career, Mr McGuire has played an important part in the school's recent success and has been integral to the planning and delivery of the improvement the school has enjoyed.

Mr McGuire will work closely with Mr Des Bird over the next half term to ensure a smooth and productive transition and will take up the post of Principal at Easter.

We would like to congratulate him on his appointment and we look forward to the school continuing on its current trajectory under his leadership.

May we wish you all a very happy and successful spring term.

With best wishes

J. A. toles

Jon Coles Chief Executive United Learning

Derek Davies Regional Director – North United Learning