



25 October 2018

Dear Parents/Carers and Pupils

As we reach the end of a very long half term I am taking this opportunity to reflect on the many successes and improvements we have achieved together at George Pindar School. Having spoken at our annual Presentation Awards Evening at The Spa in Scarborough last week, I was reminded of the significant improvements we have made and the impact of those improvements on the lives of our students, as summarised below:

- 54% of our students achieved a grade 4 or above (A*-C) in both English and mathematics and as a result were able to progress to a Level 3 qualification, the highest result we have achieved and a 13% improvement on 2017
- Our Progress measure improved by 26% overall, and the gap in progress between our disadvantaged students and others halved, a greater improvement than that seen nationally
- The number of students achieving a 9 – 4 (A*-C) grade in two sciences doubled
- 46% of students achieved 5 or more qualifications at A*-C including English and mathematics, with 21 students achieving 8 or more A* - C or equivalent qualifications, 1/5 of all students in Year 11

In the light of these significant improvements and having steered the George Pindar School ship on to a course of sustained improvement, I have taken the very difficult decision to resign as Headteacher with effect from 31 October 2018 in order to allow and enable George Pindar School to achieve a smooth and successful transition to becoming a member of Hope Learning Trust. I have every confidence that the Interim Executive Board will ensure that this transitional period is as successful as possible and that once within the Hope Learning Trust family, George Pindar School will be provided with the support it requires to accelerate its school improvements.

I am immensely proud of the improvements we have made as a school since I took up my post as Headteacher in September 2016 and I look forward to reading and hearing about the continued successes and improvements at George Pindar School long into the future.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julian Leader'.

Julian Leader
Headteacher