

Thursday, 18 June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Clinton for her leadership of The Burgess Hill Academy. She has taken the school on a genuine improvement journey with integrity, expertise and honesty. The school is in a better place today because of her leadership.

We are sad to see her moving on but wish her well for the future, as she embarks on the next stage of her personal journey. The impact she has made on the school, and her personal commitment to ensuring the success, has been substantial. We all owe her a debt of gratitude and we know that many will find time to personally express their thanks.

All members of the school community are important, but the personal leadership of the Principal enables the team to come together in a way that positively influences the outcomes for children and staff. Burgess Hill has benefitted from a strong team who have been well led.

Our best wishes go with Mrs Clinton for the next steps, along with a deep sense of gratitude for her leadership of the school.

We have been working closely with the Sussex Learning Trust, who are scheduled to take over the leadership of the school from 1st September 2026. They will be in contact with you about the leadership arrangements for the school from this point. The existing school leadership team remain in place and are your consistent contact point for the rest of this term. They will be an integral part of the future for the school.

Yours sincerely and with many thanks,

The Trustees and Leadership of the University of Brighton Trust.

Inspiring our children and staff to flourish and achieve their best