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9<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Dear All

We are writing to inform you that Callum Brown, Headteacher of Orchard Academy will be leaving at the end of term to take up a new role as Headteacher at a Primary school, closer to home in Bedford. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Brown for his work over the past few years at Orchard Academy and send him our very best wishes for the future and his next challenge at his new school.

We are also pleased to inform you that Ruth Ryan, Headteacher of Shepherdswell Academy, will become the Interim Executive Headteacher of both schools. This will be effective from 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023. With her extensive experience and proven leadership skills, we are confident that Ruth will continue to provide our students with the high-quality education and support they deserve. The move to Executive Headteacher is to enable us to build a cohesive model across our schools and provide growth opportunities for those middle, senior leaders as we expand our family in the future.

Mr Brown says, "It has been an absolute honour to lead Orchard Academy since 2017, and this school will always have a very special place in my heart. Our families, and this school community are amazing to work with and, as I take up my new role closer to home, I will be incredibly sad to leave. From day one, our children have never ceased to amaze me in their passion for our school and their learning. It truly has been a privilege to work with them. I would very much like to thank all of our brilliant and committed staff here - they have been a joy to work with. I know that the team, under the skilled leadership of the brilliant Mrs Ryan, will achieve great things."

Yours sincerely



Joshua Coleman  
Chief Executive Officer  
East Midlands Academy Trust