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Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted to let you know that the Trustees have appointed Anna Cornhill as the new Trust Principal of the South Bank Multi Academy Trust with effect from 1 May 2017. Anna will combine this with her ongoing position as Headteacher of Scarcroft, where an enhanced senior leadership team will ensure there is enough capacity for her to fulfil all her responsibilities successfully.

As you may know, the Trust Principal is the senior executive officer of the Trust, who ensures that the Trust runs effectively and efficiently. They lead the work of the Headteacher group, and are accountable to the government for the proper use of our public funding. Since conversion, our Trust Principal has been Trevor Burton.

Trevor is now stepping down as Trust Principal, though he remains a key member of the Trust leadership team as Headteacher of Millthorpe. If York High joins the Trust, Trevor will take on a new role as Executive Headteacher of both York High and Millthorpe. It is hard to overstate the contribution Trevor has made as Trust Principal over the last year. He has led the Trust with far-sighted vision, while managing the vast number of day-to-day tasks that came with establishing the Trust. It has been a demanding role, and we owe him a huge debt of thanks for everything he has helped us achieve.

In order to build on the skills we have within the Trust, and following an open internal recruitment process, the Trustees have appointed Anna Cornhill as Trust Principal. As Headteacher of Scarcroft, Anna has developed and sustained an outstanding school over seventeen years. She has extensive experience of helping improve other schools in York and North Yorkshire, for which she has been recognised as a National Leader of Education. She has been instrumental in establishing the Trust as a founding headteacher, and is fully committed to our inclusive, collaborative ethos. The Trustees and I look forward to working with Anna, and continuing to build a strong culture of collaboration, efficiency and educational excellence across all our schools under her leadership.

With my best wishes for the start of the new term.

Yours faithfully



**Edwin Thomas**  
Chair of Trustees