Dear Parent/Carer

As you know, Auchinleck Academy and Cumnock Academy are engaged in much planning for the merger of our schools on the new Knockroon Campus.

You may also be aware that Mr Angus McVake will be retiring as Head Teacher of Cumnock Academy later this month after seven years of outstanding service to the pupils, parents and communities of Cumnock and the surrounding areas.

I am writing to advise you that, as from 23 October 2017, I will be assuming the role of Acting Executive Head Teacher for both Auchinleck and Cumnock Academies with the overall responsibility for bringing the two school communities together as we move towards the merger.

In the first instance, this will have two implications:

* I will move to Cumnock Academy to take over the post of Acting Head Teacher there
* Mr Martin Robertson will assume the post of Acting Head Teacher in Auchinleck Academy

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all pupils, parents and partners from the Auchinleck Community for their outstanding support over the last 6 years and look forward to this continuing in my new position.

I also look forward to getting to know the pupils, parents and partners of Cumnock Academy over the weeks and months ahead.

I know that you will wish to join me in congratulating Mr Robertson and wishing him every success.

These are exciting times for our young people in Cumnock and Auchinleck as plans for the new Knockroon Campus start to take shape and the new headship positions in the two schools will help pupils, parents and staff alike prepare for the future education provision in our area.

Regards

Peter Gilchrist