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### **To young people, staff, parents, carers, friends and partners of Rosshall Academy**

Today I leave Rosshall Academy with a heavy heart but enormous gratitude to an outstanding school community that I have had the privilege of serving for over 20 years. The decision to move from Rosshall has been difficult, but I believe the time is now right for this new challenge. I will be continuing and extending my work as Headteacher in Residence at the University of Glasgow, School of Education, alongside leadership development with Glasgow City Council. I will also be continuing my own formal learning, focusing on academic studies for my PhD.

It has been an absolute privilege to be part of the Rosshall Community since 1999 as Principal Teacher of Performing Arts at Penilee Secondary (incorporating Crookston Castle Secondary), Depute Headteacher, and for the last 11 years as Headteacher. I will miss the young people and the staff enormously. You are outstanding: I learn from you every day about school leadership and what you need and want in a Headteacher. I am so proud of our community's successes and achievements, our ambition and creativity, and our collective determination, courage and compassion, not least during the recent challenges of the pandemic. The new headteacher will be appointed later this month and I wish them the same happiness, learning and fulfilment that I have been fortunate to experience with this wonderful community of staff and young people.

Thank you all for your immense support during my 11 years as Headteacher. I have previously taught many Rosshall parents and carers and, having spent the majority of my career to date here, I have wonderful memories that will stay with me for ever. My successor will be fortunate to be joining an outstanding school that I know will go from strength to strength. Meantime, I know Mrs Stillie will do an excellent job as Acting Headteacher.

I wish you all, individually, and collectively as a school community, great happiness, success and fulfilment, personally and professionally, in the future. I could not have asked for a better school community to lead.

My very best wishes,

Alison Mitchell  
Headteacher



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Our Future**