

20 March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you that Ruth England has formally resigned from her position as Headteacher of Shuttleworth College, with effect from 30th April 2026. We would like to thank Ruth for her service to the school and wish her well for the future.

Following a robust interview process earlier this week, the Governing Board is pleased to confirm the appointment of Karen Lightfoot as the new substantive Headteacher of Shuttleworth College, effective from 1st May 2026. Karen has been serving as Acting Headteacher during Mrs England's absence, providing stability and leadership for our school community throughout this period. She will continue in this role until her official start date to ensure a smooth transition.

The appointment panel was impressed by Miss Lightfoot's clear vision for the future of Shuttleworth College and her strong commitment to achieving the very best outcomes for all our young people. We are confident that the school will continue to thrive under her leadership, and we look forward to working closely with her as she takes up her new role.

Kevin Wilson-Hall

*Chair of Governors*

Message from Miss Lightfoot:

I am delighted to have been appointed as the new Headteacher of Shuttleworth College. Having worked at Shuttleworth for over 20 years, I feel incredibly proud of our school community and excited to lead the next steps in our continuing improvement journey. It is a privilege to work with such dedicated staff, wonderful students, and supportive families, and I look forward to building on the strong foundations we already have in place.

A reminder that school will break up for the Easter holidays on **Friday 27th March**, at the normal finishing times, for 2 weeks. We will reopen for all students on **Monday 13th April**. I hope all our families enjoy a restful and refreshing break, and a happy Easter!

Our half term newsletter, sharing key updates and highlights from across the school, will be published next week for you all to enjoy.

Finally, to all our families who will be celebrating, I would like to wish you a warm and happy Eid.

Thank you for your continued support.



Miss Karen Lightfoot  
*Headteacher*