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MLR/hr/Parent Letter
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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

I wanted to let parents know some personal news from me. Having mulled over the decision for some time, I wanted to share that I will be retiring as Headteacher of St Joseph's College at the end of this academic year. I told the governing board, all of whom have been very supportive, in the Autumn and the job will be advertised shortly.

I love this school very much and it has been an absolute privilege to have led and shaped the last 7 years here. The students are truly remarkable young people - full of energy, life, creativity and excitement; I have been so lucky to see them thrive. The parents of our community are the most supportive and committed I have worked with in my 32-year career and your support is phenomenal. The staff here really are exceptional - dedicated, passionate and immensely talented. It's easy to take all this for granted, but I know from the many schools I see and have worked with in my career, this is an exceptional school full of amazing people. I am proud of everything about the school and I have been blessed to be its Headteacher.

St Joseph's College is thriving so it is a very good time to hand over to someone new. I know that the governing board will appoint a very strong successor and they will be excited and delighted to take the school yet further. Of course, I will work closely with whomever is appointed to ensure a seamless transition for the benefit of all the students.

My departure is a long way off yet so the time for goodbyes is not now; schools are busy places and there will always be lots to do. Please be assured that I will continue right to my last day to do everything I can to make this school the very best it can be.

Yours sincerely,

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