



# FIVE ACRES HIGH SCHOOL

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6 March 2019

Dear Parent / Guardian

Since joining the Greenshaw Learning Trust 18 months ago, under the leadership of Ben Parnell and with the support of the wider Trust, Five Acres High School has made major strides on its journey to become the school of choice for the local community.

The school's popularity has increased as outcomes for students have improved and their opportunities in the arts and sport have widened. Five Acres is a small school, but it is growing rapidly. This coming September, when just over 100 students will be leaving us, we are expecting 180 to join in year 7. This follows a similar pattern to the increase in students we saw last year.

The way that Mr Parnell and the school leadership team have put into effect the school's values and commitment to doing the best for its students has brought the school to this point; Five Acres' students and staff have shown their potential to achieve even greater success; and the Trust, locally and across its three regions, has a good record in both retaining and developing staff and attracting new recruits.

To capitalise on what has been achieved thus far, and to ensure the school has the structures in place and the capacity to move forward in its next phase of improvement, the Governing Body feel it is an appropriate time to appoint a new full-time Headteacher for Five Acres, to take up the post from September 2019.

Mr Parnell, as GLT Regional Director, will remain closely involved with Five Acres, line managing the Headteacher and continuing to oversee the school and support the staff and students to improve further. He is highly committed to the local community and the school and intends to move his family to Coleford over the next couple of years so that he can maintain a consistent relationship with the school and the community for many years to come.

The Governing Body and Board of Trustees has started the process of recruiting a new Headteacher with the drive, determination and ambition to continue working towards Five Acres becoming an 'Outstanding' school and the school of choice for pupils of the Forest. We want to ensure that the new Headteacher shares Mr Parnell's passion for children to excel in everything that they do; is meticulous in their drive for a high performing learning environment; has the necessary skill set to continue the improvements that are underway; and has the heart that will result in a deep love of the school and the community it serves.

Our timeline for recruitment should see an appointment being made by Easter.

We will keep you updated on progress. In the meantime, if you have any questions please contact Mr Parnell's PA on [krimell@greenshawlearningtrust.co.uk](mailto:krimell@greenshawlearningtrust.co.uk)

With best wishes,

**Mike Cooper**

Chair of Governors, Five Acres High School

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