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Dear Parents & Carers,

I am writing to share with you an update regarding the leadership of The Victory Academy (TVA).

As you know, TVA has gone from strength to strength in recent years under Mrs Smith's Headship. As such, Mrs Smith has been seconded as the Regional Director for the South as well as Principal for The Portsmouth Academy to share her exceptional leadership skills and expertise in school improvement with more schools across the Trust. This aligns with our commitment to supporting all our schools by collaborating together and sharing best practice.

Mrs Smith will still be part of TVA and supporting the Academy in her capacity as Regional Director but we are dedicated to ensuring the next chapter for TVA is just as fulfilling for staff, students and the community we serve. We have worked to raise standards and expectations, and remain dedicated to ensuring the Academy provides the best education possible to give students the greatest chance of success.

We are therefore delighted to announce that Mr Owen will take up the role as TVA's Headteacher from June 2024. As you may know, Mr Owen has worked at The Victory Academy for 10 years and has a deep understanding of the school and our community. Mr Owen is currently Deputy Headteacher at TVA and has worked closely alongside Mrs Smith throughout her tenure, making him best placed to continue to drive forward progress at the school.

Mr Owen is passionate about how TVA works as a part of the community in Chatham. His interest and focus on developing each student as a whole person is commendable, and aligns well with the Trust ethos of 'Transforming life chances'. Mr Owen and Mrs Smith will now work alongside the Senior Leadership Team to continue to develop and lead the further successes at TVA.

Thank you for your continued support of TVA. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Yours faithfully,

S. Gardner

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