

16th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to inform you that, following a national recruitment campaign and a rigorous selection process, Dr Clare Keating-Roberts has been appointed as permanent Principal of Sharnbrook Academy.

The recruitment process attracted a strong and highly competitive field of applicants. Candidates were assessed through a comprehensive selection process that included multiple interviews, presentations and a range of leadership-focused exercises.

Throughout the process, Dr Keating-Roberts distinguished herself as an exceptional candidate. The panel was particularly impressed by her combination of a deep appreciation for what makes Sharnbrook Academy special, alongside a clear ambition to secure even higher standards and stronger outcomes for our students.

As a key member of the senior leadership team, Dr Keating-Roberts has played an integral role in the academy's recent success, including contributing to the Outstanding judgement for Leadership and Management awarded by Ofsted last year. Her understanding of the school, proven leadership and determination to build on its strengths make her exceptionally well placed to lead Sharnbrook into its next chapter.

On behalf of Meridian Trust and the Academy Council, I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the recruitment process. We are confident that Dr Keating-Roberts is the right leader to build on the school's many strengths and to ensure that every young person at Sharnbrook Academy can flourish and succeed.

Please join me in congratulating Dr Keating-Roberts on her appointment. I know that she is excited about leading the academy and working with students, staff and families to achieve even greater success in the years ahead.

Yours faithfully,



Richard Spencer
Executive Principal