



# Harriers Banbury Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

This is a very difficult letter for me to write, as I am informing you of my decision to step down as the Principal of Harriers Banbury Academy at the end of this school year.

The 8 years I have spent at Harriers have been the happiest, and yes - challenging, of my working life. It is not quantifiable, but Harriers has a special feel and I have loved the place since my first day. I am very proud of the journey we have been on together and where we are now as a school. I know I leave Harriers in a very good place and the amazing staff will ensure that the school and its pupils continue to flourish. I have been fortunate to work with the best staff ever (Team Harriers) who give their all everyday for the children and the school community, especially over the past two years where they have been heroes! I have also been so lucky to work with hundreds of amazing children at Harriers, who manage to make me smile on a daily basis, and a brilliantly supportive parent body and wider community.

I will leave Harriers a lot wiser, and greyer, than when I started and I know the experiences and happy memories will stay with me forever. Harriers will always be close to my heart.

I am leaving the Aspirations Academies Trust, and therefore also my role at Dashwood Banbury Academy. I am not going far, however, as in September I am joining United Learning as the Principal of Hanwell Fields Community School in Banbury. It is a new challenge and experience for me and one that I am looking forward to. I know Aspirations are already making plans for the future and news on this will be shared over the next few weeks.

I have not told any of the children in school, so please feel free to share this news with them. I am under no illusions that this will possibly not be of huge significance to them, and that they may be much more bothered when they realise that unfortunately Dennis will be leaving with me.

I am looking forward to my final few months at Harriers and making sure that we end the year together on a high.

Thank you for all of your support and cooperation over the years.

Yours faithfully,

Alex Pearson  
Executive Principal