



Hessle High School
& Sixth Form College
Tranby House, Heads Lane
Hessle, East Riding of Yorkshire
HU13 0JQ
Tel 01482 469838
hhsoffice@hessleacademy.com
www.thehessleacademy.co.uk

08 October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Ref: Leadership Changes at Hessle High School and Sixth Form College

We would like to inform you that Mr Groak, Headteacher, will be leaving Hessle High School and Sixth Form College for pastures new at the end of this half term. His final day will be Friday 24th October 2025. During his time with us, Mr Groak has successfully guided the school through several periods of change, including an increase in student numbers and the challenges of the pandemic. Most recently, he led the school through a successful Ofsted inspection, at which the school was judged to provide a good standard of education. We are grateful for Mr Groak's contributions and wish him every success in the future.

The plans for the school's leadership moving forward are:

- Mr Nixon, currently Headteacher of Howden School, a school within our Trust, will take up the full-time role of Headteacher at Hessle High School and Sixth Form College. Mr Nixon has extensive experience in secondary leadership and has been part of the Trust since April 2023. He has a strong understanding of our organisation and strategic direction and is actively involved in several cross-trust leadership groups. Under his leadership, Howden School has been transformed, and his move to Hessle will provide the school with strong leadership and continuity for your child's education as the school enters the next stage of its development. Prior to joining the Trust, Mr Nixon spent 20 years successfully leading four large secondary schools.
- For seven weeks, from 3rd November 2025 until 5th January 2026, Mr Nixon will begin work with the school leadership team, serving as Executive Headteacher, working across both Hessle and Howden. This phased transition will allow him to get to know the school and its community, whilst ensuring a smooth leadership transition at both schools.
- Mr Brown, Trust Executive Director of Education, will also be supporting Hessle's school leadership team during this transition period.

We are confident that these arrangements will provide stability and continuity for students whilst ensuring the school continues to develop and thrive. We are delighted to have secured Mr Nixon's leadership and look forward to working with him to support all students at Hessle.

Thank you for your continued support and should you have any queries, please get in touch.

Yours faithfully

Ian Frankish
Chair of Local Governing Body