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Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

We are writing to inform you of an important and positive development at City of Derby Academy.

Following a rigorous selection process, we are delighted to announce the appointment of our new Headteacher. The successful candidate is Ms Claire Backhouse, who is currently serving as Acting Head of School at City of Derby Academy and is already well known to our school community.

Ms Backhouse is highly respected by staff, pupils, and parents alike, and has made a significant impact on the school through her leadership, commitment, and dedication to improving outcomes for all pupils.

As someone who understands the unique character of City of Derby Academy and the aspirations of our community, she is exceptionally well placed to lead the school into its next chapter. She will formally start as Headteacher on Tuesday 5th May 2026.

We are confident that this appointment will provide continuity, stability, and continued progress for our pupils, and we look forward to the leadership she will bring in her new role.

Many thanks

Mark Mallender (CEO Tapestry Learning Partnership)