

17<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Arthur Barzey is leaving Heron Hall Academy**

I am writing to let you know that Headteacher, Arthur Barzey, is leaving Heron Hall Academy and the Trust to pursue new opportunities in education. He will not be returning to the school.

We are grateful to Arthur for his contribution over the past eight years, during which time the school has grown significantly, established a sixth form, and seen many students progress to university and further study.

You will see from Arthur's message (attached), which he has asked me to circulate to you all, that he is very proud of his time with us and would like to thank all pupils, staff and parents who have worked closely with him over many years. He wishes them all the best for the future.

**Interim Headteacher appointed – welcome to David Maytham**

To support a smooth transition, I have appointed David Maytham as your Interim Headteacher. David is a highly experienced senior education leader who knows Heron Hall well and is already working closely with the school's senior team.

I will also continue to be based at Heron several days each week to support the staff and the leadership team during this period.

We will begin the recruitment process for a new Headteacher shortly. We won't be rushing that process - our focus will be on securing the very best leadership for the school, our students, and our staff as Heron enters its next exciting chapter.

We remain fully focused on providing a stable, supportive and high-quality education for all our students - and I want to thank you, as ever, for your continued trust and support.

Yours faithfully,



**Marino Charalambous**  
Chief Executive Officer  
North Star Community Trust

**Arthur asked to have a joint message with the Trust about his departure for staff and has agreed this.**

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“Arthur is stepping away from his position as Headteacher of Heron Hall Academy at the end of term to take up other opportunities in education.

From the moment he joined the Trust in 2018, he exerted a huge influence on Heron Hall, helping to build the systems, expectations and culture that continue to influence the school.

Arthur has shown unwavering commitment to children and the local community. He has always believed that ‘our’ children deserve the very best. He is proud of all that has been achieved at Heron Hall under his leadership, including the personal achievement of being named “Headteacher of the Year” by the Times Educational Supplement (TES) in 2023.

He would like to thank all pupils, staff and parents who have worked closely with him over many years. He wishes them all the best for the future.”

Arthur Barzey

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