



28 January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

It is with great delight that I write to update you on the Headteacher recruitment for Stocksbridge High School.

We had a good response to the National advert from which we shortlisted some very strong candidates to take part in the interview process.

After a very robust and thorough process, it gives me great pleasure to announce that the Trust Board have appointed **Mr Dave Williams** to the Headteacher position. Mr Williams is currently the Acting Headteacher of Stocksbridge High School, having started at the school in March 2025. He will take up the permanent post with immediate effect.

Mr Williams is a proven leader who brings a huge amount of knowledge and experience to the school and has made a huge impact since he took over leadership of the school last year. He has previous successful experience of leading schools in a similar context to Stocksbridge and is passionate about changing the life chances of every child. I have absolute faith that Mr Williams will bring the passion, energy and strategic direction needed to lead Stocksbridge on the next stage of its journey and that he will be a driving force in bringing our school community together.

I now ask for your support for Mr Williams as your new Headteacher. We have a strong improvement plan in place for the school, and I ask that we all now work together to ensure Stocksbridge High School delivers the best possible education for your children.

Your faithfully

Ms Matthews

Chief Executive Officer

Minerva Learning Trust