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Dear Parent/Carer

Introduction to the New Principal

My name is Ray Parkinson and I am delighted to be the new Principal at Ingleby Manor Free School. I am a Physics specialist and I have worked in education for 19 years. Before entering the teaching profession, I spent some time in industry. When I joined the teaching profession all those years ago, it was firstly to share my enthusiasm for my subject and to help and support others to reach their full potential; this ethos still drives me today.

I believe that all students deserve the highest quality education and the art of teaching is to craft our explanations so that students can understand complex or difficult problems. However, a good education is more than the sum of the academic subjects; it's about developing the whole child. Good schools offer a range of opportunities and experiences achieved through a broad and balanced curriculum.

In the last few years I have worked across a number of schools as a science consultant and over the last six years, as part of the leadership team in a successful secondary school. In this role, I have been able to support other senior leaders, middle leaders and teaching colleagues in the pursuit of better outcomes for all learners.

Outside school life, I am an avid 'Newcastle United' fan, dog walker and taxi driver to my two daughters!

It is an exciting time to be joining Ingleby Manor and the Delta team. September 2018 will see the first Year 11 cohort enter their GCSE examinations. This will also allow us the opportunity to show the impact of the hard work and dedication of students, staff, parents, and governors. The team at Delta and Ingleby Manor intend that this first set of results will give our students an outstanding start in life and we are looking forward to the years ahead.

With collective hard work and the ongoing support of the Delta Trust, our AAB and IMFT, I am confident these outcomes will be excellent.

Yours faithfully

Ray Parkinson
Principal