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To parents/carers of
Soham Village College

Dear Parent/Carer

Appointment of Principal of Soham Village College

I am delighted to inform you that, after two days of an extensive interview process, Anglian Learning has appointed Mr David Clarke to the position of Principal of Soham Village College, effective from 1 September 2026. Mr Clarke, who is currently a member of the Trust School Improvement Team at Unity Schools Partnership, impressed the selection panel with his extensive knowledge and understanding of school improvement; the importance of building strong and purposeful relationships with staff, students and parents; and the need to successfully build upon the many strengths of the school. Mr Clarke has high expectations and is determined to continue to build on Soham Village College's successes.

While we are sad to be saying farewell to Mr Hampson in August, this is an exciting new stage for the school to continue its progression and development. We are very much looking forward to working with Mr Clarke, and along with Mr Hampson, we will shortly be putting into place an induction programme for the second half of this term. This will enable Mr Clarke to be fully prepared for the post of Principal at the beginning of the Autumn term.

I have passed on my thanks to the staff for their involvement in the interview process and continued dedication to the school. All candidates spoke positively about their experience of visiting the school and meeting the staff and students. I am also grateful to the school community for your continued support and commitment to Soham Village College.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J Culpin".

Jonathan Culpin
Chief Executive Officer

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