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Dear Parent/Carer,

It's been nearly six months since I announced my retirement. They have flown by and I now find myself almost exactly nine years from when I was privileged to become the headteacher of Bexley Grammar School.

As I have said before, probably too many times, this is the only school I've worked at where I actively want to come to work each day; it is going to be a wrench for me to leave today. We have faced significant challenges over the past decade, all set against a backdrop of reductions in school funding, but I have always felt tremendous support from the whole school community at the toughest moments, for which I am deeply grateful.

I have been overwhelmed by the sentiments and generosity you have shown me in recent days. This means so much to me; I will carry this sense of achievement into my retirement and hope I can live off it for some time before realising that I will eventually have to do something useful again at some point!

I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the whole school community. And as I look forwards, past Easter and beyond, I am genuinely excited for Mr Gilmore and his senior leadership team. You are very fortunate to have such a superb team to preserve the best of BGS and to lead Bexley Grammar School forward to new heights of success.

Thank you, as ever, for your support of this wonderful school.

Best wishes,

Steve Elphick