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Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope this communication finds you well.

I am writing to update you about the current provision for Computer Science and iMedia at Outwood Academy Ripon. I thank you for your patience in this matter thus far, especially those of you who have a child in Year 11.

The Academy has been attempting to recruit a Computer Science specialist teacher since Mr Shann left the Academy last academic year. These recruitment attempts have continued into this academic year and we remain unable to employ a permanent full time teacher for the above subjects. There have been a number of recruitment processes, which many of your children have participated in to provide feedback, but unfortunately these have not resulted in an appointment.

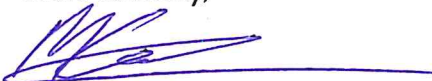
I am pleased to inform you however that the Academy has been able to secure a member of staff on a long term cover basis, Mr Bishop, who has been working with your child for the last three weeks. Mr Bishop has been teaching Computer Science and ICT since 2003 and is well experienced in the courses that we offer at Outwood Academy Ripon. In addition to this we have the support from our regional director of Computer Science, Adam Lockwood. Adam has been supporting the development of schemes of learning, planning of lessons and giving any further advice that is needed to make sure that your child is fully prepared and supported for these important years.

It is important to note that Mr Shann's results in the last academic year were the best ever achieved at Outwood Academy Ripon and therefore I feel assured the year 11 students will have a strong understanding of the topics covered through year 10.

What I must add at this stage is a big well done to all the students in these classes, for their attitude to learning and effort in the first four weeks back - they have really made a tremendous start to the year.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and ongoing patience in this matter. If you have any further questions or queries around this, please do not hesitate to contact the Academy.

Yours faithfully,



Mr M. Coad
Associate Vice Principal