

**July 2010**

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Academy Leadership and Accelerating Improvement**

As we come to the end of the academic year, Mr McCarthy has decided to leave Stockport Academy at the end of this Summer Term. After nine years as Headmaster of Avondale and as Principal of the academy, Tim has decided to seek new opportunities.

We would like to thank him for his commitment to the success of Stockport Academy and the significant role he played in the transition from Avondale to academy status. We wish him and his family every success in the future. He leaves behind him many friends across ULT and many staff and students at the Academy whom he has encouraged and supported in their work.

The next academic year will be very important for the academy as we continue to move on from the disappointing Ofsted inspection in February. We will be advertising for a substantive replacement for Mr McCarthy but we are delighted that, for the next two terms at least, Mr Dunne will be Interim Principal at the academy and Mr Whitehead will be Senior Vice Principal. They will be supported by two Associate Principals, David Johnson and Jan Rowney who will both be working part time at the academy.

Thank you all for your commitment to the academy and for your children's hard work over the course of the academic year. We have very high hopes for the future of Stockport Academy and look forward with confidence to the year ahead.

May I wish you all a very happy holiday.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Harper', with a horizontal line underneath.

**Sir Ewan Harper CBE**

**Chief Executive**

**United Learning Trust**