

5th September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Principal of The Axholme Academy. Staff, Governors and Students have made me feel very welcome and I feel privileged to have the opportunity to lead and be part of the Academy community.

Since my appointment in March 2019 I have had the opportunity to visit the Academy and meet with staff, governors and students. In particular, I have met with Senior Leaders to learn more about the Academy and to plan our strategic priorities for the coming year ahead. I would like to thank Mr Sellars for his help to ensure the transition to a new Principal was as smooth as possible.

I anticipate that you will be wondering what the new Principal is like and what effect my appointment will have on The Axholme Academy. From my experience of being a Headteacher for 5 years I know that a successful Academy is built on excellent relationships and exceptional teaching in an environment where students feel happy, safe and fully supported. The Axholme Academy is already such a place so my first priority as the new Principal will be to protect and maintain all of these aspects that make The Axholme Academy special and successful. However, I strongly believe that it is vitally important to have the highest of expectations and we will always aim to continually improve.

I am thoroughly looking forward to getting to know students, staff and parents as well as other members of the local community to ensure The Axholme Academy delivers the very best all round education possible for all students.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome the following staff members who have also joined The Axholme Academy in September 2019 –

- Mr Bennett - Assistant Principal (Inclusion and Engagement) and English
- Mrs Pendrey - Science
- Miss Underwood - Physical Education
- Miss Davies - Science
- Mr Kelly - Mathematics
- Mrs McVeigh – Art & Design, Textiles, Food Technology, Music & ICT Support Assistant

I am sure all of the new staff will have a huge impact on the progress and development of our students.

I would like to thank you for your continued support and commitment towards the students and staff at The Axholme Academy. I have set aside an opportunity to meet and get to know parents on Monday 16th September at 6.00pm. If you would like to attend please email the academy via admin@theaxholmeacademy.com. If you cannot make this meeting I look forward to meeting you during the course of this year.

Yours faithfully



Mr D Keogh
Principal