

## **Message from the Principal**

I am writing to all parents and carers today to inform you that I will be leaving Huish Episcopi Academy at the end of this academic year.

This is due to the fact that earlier this week I was appointed to the Post of Principal of Exmouth Community College, which is an 11-18 school in Devon with over 2200 students. Despite being very proud of my position at Huish the promotion to a larger school and a new set of challenges was too difficult to resist.

However, I know that I will be leaving Huish in a very strong position.

Our school is more popular than ever and will be significantly oversubscribed once again next year in Year 7. In Huish Sixth we look to set to grow to approximately 250 students overall in Year 12 and Year 13 from September 2017.

In terms of results we have seen year on year improvements in both Year 11 and Year 13 in recent times which undoubtedly place Huish amongst the best performing schools and colleges across Somerset. This is a great credit both to our exceptionally hard working and committed students and to the fantastic staff; both support and teaching, who work day in and day out to provide a great education for your children.

We have continued to improve our campus and Huish students now have access to some of the best facilities in Somerset. Just over the past four years we have completed a new Geography block, provided a new AstroTurf, extended the car parking, carried out a major roof replacement project and next year will see the Academy complete the swimming pool project. The investment, just in my time at Huish, has been over £2.5 million which is a great credit to the Business Manager and her team to both source the funding and then deliver the projects.

So while I will be very sad to leave I am absolutely confident that the Academy will be in safe hands and will undoubtedly continue to be one of the best schools in Somerset. We have a great Board of Directors who, in partnership with a very experienced Senior Leadership Team including Richard Vaughan as Deputy Principal, will together provide the continuity, dynamism and vision which will enable students at Huish to flourish. This, alongside brilliant support staff and hugely committed teachers will mean that the fantastic students at Huish will continue to achieve amazing things; whether that is academically, on the sporting or artistic fronts or with their wider achievements.

May I take this opportunity to thank all the parents and carers of students at Huish for their support over the past four years. It has been greatly appreciated.

Andrew Davis  
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