

FAO QE Parents/Carers
QE School

3 May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

It is with great pleasure that I am writing to you today to announce the appointment of our new headteacher at Queen Elizabeth's (QE) School.

I am delighted to say that after a series of highly competitive interviews on Monday, we offered the job to Mr Thomas Neill. Mr Neill is currently principal at Wey Valley Academy in Weymouth and will start with us at QE School in September.

We were hugely impressed by Mr Neill's skills and experience and feel he is very much the right person for the QE job. He is a talented and successful headteacher and has worked in a range of comprehensive schools as a middle and senior leader, raising standards in all these settings.

Mr Neill understands teaching and learning and is relentless in his desire to improve the school and raise standards for all our students. He has been central to the transformation of education at Wey Valley Academy in Weymouth, enabling the school to move from strength to strength.

The Trust realises that the past year has been difficult for the school on a number of levels. But we are very confident that Mr Neill has the skills - and the appetite - to take QE out of its 'Requires Improvement' rating from Ofsted to 'Good' and then beyond.

I am also pleased to say that Mr Neill will support the Christian ethos of QE School, having seen the value of this in his own upbringing.

He graduated from the University of Newcastle with a degree in English, achieved his teaching qualification at the University of West England in Bristol and has a Masters in Educational Leadership. He has also spent a year teaching in Florida in the United States. He is married with two children.

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St Michael's CE Middle School • The Sir John Colfox Academy • Verwood CE First School • Witchampton CE First School



Mr Neill is looking forward to meeting you in September.

In the meantime, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support of the school.

I very much hope you will share our delight in this prestigious appointment, which is such a great boost for the school.

Kind regards

Liz West
CEO
Initio Learning Trust