



Exmouth Community College

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Dear Parents and Carers

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I am delighted to have been appointed as the new Headteacher of Exmouth Community College and am hugely looking forward to starting properly in September. I myself, was born and raised in Devon, with grandparents who lived in Exmouth, and I cannot wait to reconnect with the community.

Over the last few months I have been working very closely with Andrew Davis, the Senior Team and Governors to ensure a really smooth handover so that we can continue to build on the team's work over recent years. During this time I have gained a very strong impression of a College at the very centre of its community that is on an exciting journey, and with huge potential for the future.



I have taught in three schools, with the last 14 years (up to August 2022) spent as a Senior Leader and Headteacher at Gordano School, a very large and thriving 11-18 secondary school near Bristol. Like ECC, it is the only secondary school serving a sizeable coastal town (so I am familiar with the occupational hazards brought by the local seagulls!).

This academic year I have been working across ten schools within two Multi Academy Trusts, working with and supporting Headteachers and teams to be able to lead their schools as best they can, and provide children with the best possible educational experiences. However, my heart lies in the privilege of Headship and I am looking forward to applying my experience from a range of settings to ECC. It is without doubt a challenging period in education, but I look to the future with great optimism for our young people. They have been through a huge amount in their short lives, and have responded with resilience, determination and hope. They inspire us every day and it is a privilege to work alongside them.

The recent, and ongoing, significant improvements to the College site will allow us to provide an exciting and very broad educational experience with inspiring, state of the art facilities. But more than this, it is evident that there is a very strong sense of community at ECC. Through us all working together as staff, families and governors, and pulling together as one community, we can continue the great work to build a College that caters so brilliantly for its community and prepares our young people for their future.

I look forward to meeting as many parents and carers as possible in the coming months, and I will write to you again before the start of the new academic year. In the meantime, my best wishes for a very happy and safe summer holiday period.

With warm wishes,

Tom Inman
Headteacher Designate

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achieve more

than they ever thought possible