

PRESS RELEASE

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The Buckingham School Announces the Appointment of Permanent Headteacher, Mr McGinnes

The Buckingham School is delighted to announce that Andy McGinnes has been appointed permanent Headteacher of The Buckingham School.

Chair of Governors, Matthew Watkins comments on the appointment, “the Governors have been very impressed with Andy’s dedication and outstanding contribution, already shown since starting with the school, as Interim Headteacher, in January 2018. With this in mind, and with Andy’s clear vision of what the school could achieve, the governing board, with full backing of Bucks County Council, are delighted that Andy McGinnes has accepted the permanent position of Headteacher. Andy McGinnes is a dynamic and inspiration leader with a strong ambition to drive The Buckingham School forward.

Mr McGinnes has extensive experience and success as a teacher and leader. Having graduated in Mathematics from the University of Exeter, he qualified as a teacher and spent most of his career in the Independent sector. He has enjoyed a variety of roles, firstly as a teacher and leading in Mathematics, and then as a senior leader for 17 years. This is Mr McGinnes second post in the maintained sector and third Headship.

Mr McGinnes comments on his permanent Headship appointment, “I have made no secret that I felt an immediate connection with The Buckingham School, and I made it clear to the governors from day one that I would welcome the opportunity to lead the school for years to come. Clearly I am delighted, but I am well aware that it is the welcome that I received from students, staff, parents and governors that allowed me to feel at home so quickly.”

He further adds, “The Buckingham School has many great things in place, and so much potential to build further. The school’s reputation is rapidly improving, but is still behind the reality: we are some way ahead of the community’s memory of what The Buckingham School was like, even as recently as only five years ago. Those who know us have seen for themselves how good behaviour and attendance is, and how much our pupils grow and achieve. We take pride in our appearance, understand the value of hard work and enjoy coming to school.”

Mr McGinnes vision is a straightforward one, with people being the school’s greatest asset. Students, are polite, well presented and respectful. Some have huge academic flair, some have other abilities and talents that are just as valuable. They are hungry to achieve success and it is Mr McGinnes belief that the school can both offer them even more opportunity but, crucially, expect even more from them.

Staff are loyal and committed and students are in the best possible hands when they need help and support. The potential of the leadership team to drive further improvements is significant. Parents are supportive and our governors want nothing but the best for this school.

Mr McGinnes, alongside the Governors will focus early next term on the school's vision, asking students, staff and the wider community about what they feel the aims of the school should be. This will enable the school to build a vision based around the aspirations and needs of the school community, and around the Head's core vision of:

- **Community:** an outward looking school, in the centre of a community that cherishes its school
- **Outstanding Staff:** exceptional performance by all
- **Improvement:** a culture of continuous school improvement underpinned by transparency and accountability
- **Success for all:** outcomes to be proud of (in other words, great results)
- **Character:** resilient students, who feel inspired by school and the opportunities ahead of them in life (in other words, so much more than great results)

This year is far from over, and there is much work to do. However, the planning for next year starts now, and next term Mr McGinnes looks forward to consulting with our community and developing our shared vision for the years ahead.

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