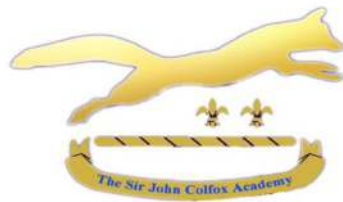


The Sir John Colfox Academy



Inspiring Learning, Achieving Excellence

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back, I hope you all had a good summer and all students are rested and keen to get started.

I would like to welcome our new Year 7 students, who looked so happy and excited to begin secondary school. There was a real buzz here on Wednesday. The House assemblies have given me an opportunity to introduce myself as the new Headteacher of Colfox and set out my expectations for the school and our students, as well as celebrate the successes of last year's students.

I would like to introduce myself to you and say how much I am looking forward to leading this excellent Academy. I hope to meet with as many of you as possible over the next few weeks and months. I will be setting up some 'Meet the New Head' events after school, so will be in contact about these in the next few weeks.

My focus and drive is to ensure that all students achieve the best that they can and are able to follow a curriculum that prepares them for their future. I believe that every student should have opportunities throughout the school that gives them success, both academically and also through the wide range of extra-curricular activities on offer.

Joining clubs and taking part in extra-curricular activities helps students succeed and also have fun. I would like to encourage every student to get involved and try something new. It is never too late to start a new activity and there are a lot of opportunities on offer and many ways to get involved. Please encourage your children to participate and try new things out.

I believe if we all work together – school, parents, students and community we can make Bridport's children happy, healthy and successful. A school is more than just exams and lessons. It is about preparing students for all the future challenges they might face and building resilience and respect. Students always amaze me with all the things they achieve and I look forward to hearing about these over the course of this year.

Finally I would like to say again how pleased and excited I am to be leading our school. I wish you all well. I look forward to the year ahead and all the fantastic opportunities that your daughter or son will have. With hard work and effort they can achieve anything!

Yours sincerely

Adam Shelley
Headteacher