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Dear Parent/Carer

Appointment of Principal

As we reach the summer term in a challenging year at the Academy, we wanted to announce the outcome of the recruitment process for the new Principal.

We are very pleased to have appointed Mrs Katie Boyes, who will take up post in September. Mrs Boyes joins us from Queen Elizabeth's School in Wimborne where she is currently Headteacher. Mrs Boyes grew up in Berkshire and attended The University of Bristol, gaining an MSc in Chemistry. She began her career as a science teacher at The Thomas Hardy School in Dorchester before progressing there to Head of Chemistry. She was then promoted to Head of Science and Advanced Skills Teacher at Sir John Colfox School in Bridport, Dorset before securing a senior team position there. Since then Mrs Boyes has taken a number of senior roles at Queen Elizabeth's School, culminating in her appointment as Headteacher several years ago; leading the school successfully through the challenges of Covid.

With an excellent track record in raising standards and outcomes for students across her schools, Mrs Boyes impressed us with her ambition for Huish Episcopi Academy and her focus on the successful outcomes needed to continue on the school's current upward trajectory. She balances this with a strong regard for the wider development of children and is a keen proponent of extra-curricular provision.

We are particularly pleased to have appointed an experienced Principal, given the current improvement journey the Academy is making. Mrs Boyes is looking forward to spending time in the Academy this term and having a successful transition with Mr Parnell who will continue as Interim Principal for the remainder of the academic year; providing a strong link with United Learning, who are supporting the Academy at this time.

May we wish you a safe, healthy and productive summer term.

Yours sincerely



Dave Elston
Chair of Governors