

22nd November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

I have now been at Ansford Academy for a term and a half, and it has been a genuinely delightful experience.

The staff have been extremely welcoming, and we have worked wonders in improving and (in many cases) completely rewriting and relaunching our curriculum and assessment provision. We are now in a position where the education at Ansford is entirely aspirational, offering clear challenge and continual progress in all year groups.

The students have been fully engaged in their new school and have all embraced the clearer structures and expectations. They wear their uniform with pride; show respect and kindness; and fully commit to their lessons and education. I am a firm believer in sky-high expectations in all aspects of education and we have held that mantra through everything we have done since September.

I am genuinely excited about the next stage of the school's journey and in particular about fully joining the Midsomer Norton School's Partnership. We have now aligned much of our procedures and provision, but we will soon become a full member of a highly successful and effective family of schools, working together to grow the ambition and outcomes for every child in our care.

Last term I spent a lot of time listening to teachers and students about their needs and aspirations for the school. I would very much like to now gather your thoughts.

I feel the best way would be to host a 'Meet the Headteacher' event after school. This is an opportunity for me to briefly explain our recent changes but, more importantly, to listen to your own aspirations for the school.

This event will take place on the 4th December between 4.30 and 5.30pm and I will be joined by Mr Musson, our Deputy Headteacher for Curriculum.

I intended this meeting to be forward looking and to focus on the next stages for the academy. All are welcome and I'll even see if we can rustle up some biscuits.

As ever, if you have any concern or issues, please make sure you contact the school, and we will do our very best to address and resolve these.

Your Sincerely



Duncan Powell
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