

24 February 2025

Dear parents and carers

I hope you are all well and have had a great half term.

I am writing to inform you that the new Governing Body have agreed to advertise to seek the appointment of a permanent Headteacher for September 2025. As you will know I was seconded to Tiverton High School (THS), from my current position as Headteacher at the Castle School, Taunton, on a temporary basis to stabilise the school following the inadequate OFSTED judgement in October 2024 and support its transition into an Academy Trust. This role will continue as planned until the end of the academic year, and I will also be part of the recruitment process for the permanent Headteacher here at THS.

Although the post will be advertised soon, the process of appointing a Headteacher can take some time so it may not be concluded much before Easter. However, I will let you know as soon as I am able who the new Headteacher will be.

We now know that the Blackdown Education Partnership (BEP) was identified as the preferred sponsor for THS which means that the school will, in all likelihood join BEP along with our neighbouring schools, Uffculme and Cullompton. As I stated in my letter on the 12 February 2025, there is now a period of due diligence which is carried out by an Advisory Board, and it is ultimately their decision to formally agree to THS joining BEP.

There are many benefits to THS joining BEP, not least the involvement I and BEP colleagues will have in the appointment of the new Headteacher. We will seek a driven individual that shares the same values and vision of BEP and indeed myself. This will ensure there is consistency and cohesion with the work I have already undertaken at the school.

In the meantime, I will continue to work with the same drive and determination to further improve the school, with my sole focus being to ensure your children receive the best possible education.

I have very much enjoyed meeting the amazing students here at THS as well as many of you. You have been very supportive and I thank you for that and I look forward to working with you in the future.

Yours sincerely



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