

Principal's Update as at January 11th 2024

Happy new year. I hope that you and your children are well as we begin a first full week to the Spring Term. Students have been a credit to us in the opening week of 2024, representing the school fantastically well.

I would like to introduce myself formally now that I have begun my new role as Principal. Although I am fully aware that all families already know me very well from my previous role as Vice Principal for the past 5 years, it is an honour to lead the school through its next exciting stages of development. The school is in a wonderfully strong and stable position as a result of the 7 years of outstanding leadership during the service of the Andy Wakefield. I am sure that all our students, families and partner schools will join me in wishing Andy every success in his new role as Assistant Director of Education at The Yes Trust.

I am delighted to also welcome alongside me, Claire Fairburn and Charlotte Poynton to their new roles as Vice Principal. Both Claire and Charlotte will bring so much experience, energy and vision to the role. We are all committed as a leadership team to strive relentlessly to deliver the best outcomes that our young people deserve and to do so in a supportive, caring and respectful environment.

As we continue to strengthen our dedicated team of staff, I would like to recognise new roles in school for James Price (Teacher of Sport/Well Being), Marishia Sutherland (Pastoral Officer) and Joey Harvey (Pastoral Officer).

Despite increasing our place numbers with the Department of Education for September 2023 due to popular demand, we are once again an oversubscribed school and it is pleasing that the hard work of students, staff and parents continues to enhance our reputation as we continue to grow both regionally and nationally.

As usual, don't forget that you can get your diary organised for the year ahead by checking the "term dates" section of our website at: <https://www.theedgeacademy.co.uk/calendar-2020-21/> . Further to us already having shared this with you a number of times, don't forget that Spring Half-Term 1 ends on Friday 9th February and that Spring Half-Term 2 begins on Monday February 19th.

The 2023/24 year ends on Friday 26th July 2024. I would also like to give you a reminder that **school is closed for a staff INSET Day next week on Monday January 15th.**

Remember too that if you are a parent/carer whose child has only recently joined the school, you can view all of our key policies on our website at: <https://www.theedgeacademy.co.uk/policies/>. These include our GDPR policies and Privacy Notices which were updated at the end of last academic year.

If there are any other questions I can help and support with in any way, please feel free to contact me directly at adam.smith@theedgeacademy.co.uk . I look forward to working with you and your child in the weeks and months ahead!

Yours sincerely,



Adam Smith

Principal

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