

26th May 2021

Dear Parents

Appointment of Permanent Principal

As you will know, we have been undertaking an external recruitment exercise to appoint a permanent Principal for the Academy. This extensive process has now concluded with a two-day interview process of the shortlisted candidates.

We are very pleased to announce that, following this process, we have appointed Mr Dan Markham as permanent Principal. We know that his appointment will be welcomed by students, parents, and staff across the school.

Throughout the process Mr Markham demonstrated his ambition for Central Academy, his enthusiasm for the role and his understanding of the opportunities and challenges ahead. As Acting Principal he has considerably impressed us, but he has been appointed to the role as permanent Principal through the quality of his track record and performance in the recruitment process. He is a highly talented and experienced leader who has developed his career in schools in Cumbria and Leicestershire and is ideally placed to continue to lead Central in the years ahead. He is deeply committed to Central and to getting the very best for your children in their education.


We congratulate him on his appointment which he will take up with immediate effect.

As we approach the half term holiday, it is pleasing that this has been a confident and smooth Summer term so far without the disruption of previous Lockdowns. A great deal of catch up is underway across the school and we thank you for your continued support of your child during this important time in their education.

With best wishes



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