



AMESBURY SCHOOL

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AMESBURY SCHOOL ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF GAVIN FRANKLIN AS NEW HEAD

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Amesbury School, Hindhead, Surrey, announces the appointment of Gavin Franklin as Head from September 2023. He succeeds Jon Whybrow who is retiring at the end of the current academic year after three incredible years.

Gavin joins Amesbury from Wellesley House in Broadstairs, Kent, where he has been Head since 2017. Prior to Wellesley House, Gavin worked at Wellington College as a Housemaster and English teacher as well as being heavily involved in the co-curricular life of the school. Gavin will be joined at Amesbury by his wife, Claire and family.

Karen Davies, Chair of Amesbury School's Governing body said, "Amesbury's Governing Body are delighted to have been able to appoint a new Head with Gavin's experience and personal values, who will look to build on everything that makes Amesbury so special."

Amesbury's School Council Pupils feedback to the Governors on Gavin, "He's the one!".

Gavin Franklin commenting on his new appointment said, "I believe that Amesbury school stands out for genuinely focusing on the individual. The inspirational teachers and limitless opportunities, combined with the relaxed but respectful relationship between pupils and staff, creates the optimum environment for each child to follow their passions and reach their potential.

"I feel privileged to have been given the opportunity to join such a brilliant team and to lead Amesbury at such an exciting time."

Jon Whybrow current Head of Amesbury School, commented on the appointment, "It is with great regret that I have taken the decision to retire as Head of Amesbury at the end of this academic year. However, I am thrilled the quality of the school has attracted a new Head of such great calibre who will be pivotal in leading the school into a new era, whilst maintaining the best of what makes Amesbury so unique. A wonderful environment for children to learn, grow and be happy in".

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Amesbury School was founded in 1870 and is the oldest preparatory school in the Haslemere/Hindhead area. Set in a leafy estate between the South Downs National Park and the Surrey Hills, it is a day school co-educating children between the ages of 2 and 13. For more information please visit www.AmesburySchool.co.uk

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