

15 April 2021

Dear Parent or Carer,

After a lengthy recruitment process and rigorous interview programme, we are pleased to announce that Gordon Farquhar has been appointed Principal of Milton Keynes Academy from September 2021.

Gordon is an experienced Headteacher who has led schools in a variety of circumstances and contexts. He began his career as a PE and History teacher and has taken on both pastoral and curriculum-based roles in schools at a senior leadership level.

Gordon took up his current post of leading King James Academy Royston (formerly Royston Schools Academy Trust) with the brief of merging the Trust schools into one Academy and realising financial sustainability. Prior to this position, he was Principal at Joyce Frankland Academy, Newport in Essex where over his tenure there he moved the schools from requires improvement to good with a significant turnaround across all key measures.

Gordon is a firm believer in comprehensive education and has worked in secondary schools across the country in both inner city and country town settings. Gordon very much believes that schools should always see themselves as part of the community and firmly believes that the children in our care are the most important resource we have. Gordon is a keen reader and likes to read both historical texts and crime fiction novels.

We are thrilled to welcome Gordon and are confident that he will work diligently to ensure that Milton Keynes Academy becomes a beacon of educational excellence.

Yours sincerely

Marc Jordan

Chief Executive Officer, Creative Education Trust

Dhilin Smith

Philip Smith Academy Council Chair