



Atlantic Academy Portland

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RE Staffing Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to share a staffing update with you as we approach half term.

Mr David, who has supported Atlantic Academy this year as Vice Principal for Behaviour, will be leaving us at half term to take up the role of Head of the Aspirations Learning Institute across the Aspirations Academy Trust. During his time with us, Mr David has had a significant impact on strengthening behaviour systems and support for students across the Academy. We thank him for his significant contribution to date. While we will miss working with him on a daily basis, we look forward to staying connected and collaborating with him in his new role.

Following this change, **Miss Frampton** has been appointed Senior Assistant Principal – Belonging, with oversight of attendance, behaviour and inclusion across the Academy. Miss Frampton already brings strong experience in these areas through her leadership of attendance and SEND, and I am sure you will join me in congratulating her on this well-deserved promotion.

In addition, after eleven years at Atlantic Academy, **Ms Board**, Assistant Principal and Head of Chesil Cove, will be leaving us at half term to join the leadership team at Kingfisher School, a specialist provision. Ms Board has made a valued contribution to Atlantic over many years and will be greatly missed by students, staff and families alike. We wish her every success in this exciting new role. For the remainder of the academic year, Ms Lown will temporarily lead Chesil Cove House.

I am also pleased to share that we have secured a number of successful appointments for next academic year, including a new Art and Photography teacher from the local area, a Head of History, a Year 7 specialist teacher with expertise in IT and History, and a Lead Practitioner of Maths all relocating to join the Academy.

I have been incredibly impressed by the quality of applicants interested in joining Atlantic Academy and encouraged by the number of experienced teachers attracted by the opportunity to work within our all-through setting.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Melissa Heppell
Principal



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Senior Leadership Team



Miss M Heppell
Principal



Mrs K Biddle
Vice Principal
Standards



Miss J Frampton
Senior Assistant Principal
Belonging



Mrs C Lown
Associate Assistant Principal
Chesil Cove



Ms A Winsborough
Assistant Principal
Church Ope Cove



Ms S Ives
Assistant Principal
Castle Cove



Mr A Clark
Assistant Principal
Inclusion