



1st May 2024

Dear Colleagues

Additional Information regarding the appointment of a new Headteacher at Faringdon Community College.

As you are aware Mr Bevan resigned from the post of Headteacher at Faringdon Community College (FCC) earlier this year. We are extremely grateful for all the commitment and energy Mr Bevan has put into FCC over the past 4 years. He has led the school through a nationally challenging period with the Pandemic. We are very appreciative of all the work he has done at FCC and wish him the warmest wishes for the future.

Following a very rigorous recruitment and interview process that included a panel composed of myself, the Trust Board, the school Local Governing Body, Trust Central team members and members of the school Senior Leadership Team we unanimously appointed Mr Dennett as Headteacher of FCC.

Mr Dennett is a highly experienced Headteacher having been head over two very successful schools for over 12 years. Most recently he has taken his current school (Larkmead) through another very successful Ofsted Inspection (March 2024).

Mr Dennett will start to work with FCC this term – working alongside Mr Bevan and the SLT. This is a very fortunate position to be in. It will help ensure a smooth and seamless transition leading up to Mr Dennett formally starting in September. Mr Dennett will start to work with Mr Bevan and the SLT to help shape direction and strategy.

For full transparency Mr Dennett will retain a link with his current school – Larkmead. He will be Headteacher at FCC for a minimum of 4 days a week from September. He will keep a high-level strategic overview of Larkmead for up to one day a week (probably split over two half days a week- more minimal impact on FCC).

Larkmead is in an incredibly strong position. They have just been through a very successful Ofsted Inspection and have a very strong, experienced and talented leadership team who will be more than able to lead the school very effectively from September onwards. There will be natural links made between the two schools (as well as King Alfred's) to help share best practice, learn from one another, help with recruitment and retention and drive improvement.

Mr Dennett's full priority is FCC and he will work relentlessly with FCC School team and community to ensure FCC is the best it can possibly be.

We are extremely excited about the future of FCC and look forward to Mr Dennett working with the Trust and the school.

Yours sincerely

Mr R Evans  
CEO - Faringdon Learning Trust

