



BECCLES FREE SCHOOL

"Providing a foundation for life"

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Dear parent / carer

I write to inform parents / carers that the Trust has made an appointment to succeed John Lucas as the Headteacher of Beccles Free School. The new Headteacher will be Mr Nigel Youngman.

A message from Mr Youngman is below:

Mr Nigel Youngman

Headteacher Designate of Beccles Free School

I am absolutely delighted to be joining the Seckford Foundation Free Schools Trust as Headteacher at Beccles Free School. Students I have so far met at the school share a pride that resonated with me from my first visit, and I look forward to working with students, parents / carers, staff and governors in ensuring that each and every student leaves the school, happy, successful and with a clear "foundation for life".



I grew up in King's Lynn where I enjoyed attending King Edward VII High School, before then going on to read English and French Literature at Bristol University. My teaching career began working with talented students at a Muslim Girls school in Pakistan, where I quickly discovered the joys of teaching, seeing many students later go on to achieve success at leading universities around the world. I returned to England in order to complete my PGCE at Nottingham University before teaching in Birmingham and Bristol. I am deeply proud of coming from East Anglia, so when the opportunity arose to take on the Head of Department role in a large school in Norwich, I took it. Whilst completing my NPQH, I moved to a small rural school to become Deputy Headteacher helping it achieve an 'outstanding' grading at Ofsted.

During the past fourteen years working in East Anglia, I have enjoyed working with wonderful students and inspiring colleagues in leadership roles in very different schools. Whether I've been working in rural, suburban or city schools - large or small - I have always sought to challenge, support and inspire young people. Working in any school is both a privilege and a responsibility, and I look forward to leading Beccles Free School to be an outstanding school in every way.

Learning is perhaps most exciting and engaging when its value can be seen beyond the school walls.



Throughout my career, I have always looked for ways to engage the community in supporting learning; whether it's through community based art projects, film making and creative writing, engaging with leading universities, partnership with primary schools or any number of other projects. The fact that Enrichment is already central to Beccles Free School makes the prospect of bringing learning alive for all very real indeed. I look forward to working with parents / carers, staff and the wider community in collectively supporting our students.

Beccles Free School exists because of a shared passion and determination to provide students with the very best opportunities. As Headteacher, I am very conscious of my responsibility and the need to fulfill our aims. I look forward to meeting you in the near future; listening and learning. It is an exciting time.

Mr Nigel Youngman will take up the Headteacher position of the school from the beginning of the Trinity Term 2015. I will be writing to parents / carers before Christmas to outline the leadership arrangements for the school in the Lent Term.

In the Lent Term, I hope to arrange some 'Meet the Headteacher' evenings for parents / carers to get to know Mr Youngman and will let you know in due course of the dates and times of those events.

I am sure you will join me in supporting Mr Youngman as he joins the school in the coming year and in wishing him every success for his Headship of the school.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dr R Cawley', written in a cursive style.

Dr R Cawley
Principal