

RUGELEY ACADEMIES

Principal's Weekly Words

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Dear Parent/Carer

In this edition of 'Weekly Words' I thought I would share with you some information about what we are doing to help and support our excellent staff to develop even further.

I am a firm believer in schools being as 'good' as the staff. At the Rugeley Academies we have an excellent staff committed to our young people in helping them to achieve their potential and make at least good progress in their lessons. We want to continue to invest not only in our students but in our staff as well.

We have, for example, invested in a school leadership development programme 'Teaching Leaders', accredited by the Department for Education and I am delighted that we have 10 staff in the academies who have just started this. The purpose of the programme is to develop the skills, expertise and practice to continue to drive up standards in subject areas.

In addition the academies have invested in Mr Fenney (Head of Science) and Mrs D'Arcy-Barron (Head of Languages) in a Schools Fellowship Programme. This is a two year course for outstanding leaders who have the ability to become senior leaders whilst making their own subject areas outstanding. Again the investment of training these key staff has significant benefits for our young people in Rugeley. Ultimately, this will help all our students to make even better progress in their lessons.

In January we also welcomed Ms Harris as Assistant Principal for English and Literacy. Ms Harris has a strong and proven track record of driving up standards in English both at GCSE and A level and I know that she will be a huge success in our academies.

I am equally delighted to announce the appointment of Ms Sidhu as a key leader in maths, whilst next week sees the start of our newest appointment Ms Whitefoot who will teach Business, ICT and Law and whose services have been secured from a local college. Ms Whitefoot is extremely experienced in delivering high quality learning experiences at both Key Stages 4 and 5 and I know will be a great acquisition to our team.

Investing in our staff is only to the benefit of the pupils at the Rugeley Academies.

Thank you.

C Keen
Principal