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Dear Parent/Carers

I am delighted to announce the appointment of Mr Steven Green to the post of Headteacher of the college. Mr Green, who is currently Vice Principal at Holyrood Academy in Chard, Somerset, takes up this post on 1st April. He is a talented and inspirational leader with extensive experience at both Holyrood Academy and Kings of Wessex Academy, Somerset, and has a teaching background in Religious Education and Philosophy & Ethics.

Mr Green's appointment is part of an exciting new management partnership with Holyrood Academy that will be led by the current Principal of Holyrood, Mr Martin Brook, in the role of Executive Headteacher. There will be significant benefits to pupils including a wider range of learning opportunities, courses and resources available to them. For parents and the wider community, the new partnership will provide stability for both schools, as together they will have greater capacity to improve and have more financial resilience to face the on-going budgetary pressures that lie ahead.

Under Mr Brook's leadership, both schools will work closely to achieve a shared vision of educational excellence while retaining each school's distinctive character. One of the strengths of the partnership is the many similarities shared between the two schools, such as academic profile of the pupils, the rural context and smaller-than-average sixth form centres.

The management partnership will run from 1<sup>st</sup> April until 31st December 2016 during which time both schools will work towards creating a long-term partnership around the Multi Academy Trust (MAT) model in line with government expectations for 2020.

Pupils will see Mr Green in the college over the next half term when he will be working closely with Mr Smith to ensure a smooth transition on 1st April. There will also be an opportunity for parents/carers to meet our new Headteacher and ask questions regarding the partnership at a welcome evening once we have confirmed a date.

Yours faithfully

Heather Burnett  
Chair of Governors

Headteacher: **Martin Smith**