

# The Axe Valley Community College & Sixth Form Centre

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Dear Parents and Carers

It is with both anticipation and excitement that I write to you to introduce myself. To be appointed as the Headteacher at the college is a genuine privilege and I look forward to the opportunity to serve the young people and families of Axminster and its surrounding communities in the role.

As you may have read in the local press, I am currently working as the Vice Principal at Holyrood Academy in Chard and come to you with this recent experience, combined with that which I gained from 9 years at another outstanding school in Cheddar. Of course, I do not arrive alone, but with the added benefit of the support and experience that is offered by the management partnership with Holyrood. Working alongside Martin Brook, who will lead as the Executive Headteacher across both schools, I will seek to ensure that the Axe Valley meets its potential as a centre of academic excellence in the South West.

My belief is that all young people deserve the very best. I will have high expectations of the students and staff at the college and make no apologies for placing student achievement at the heart of every decision I will make. Achievement however takes many forms and, although academic progress is central, I will ensure that every student has the opportunity to demonstrate their abilities both within and beyond the classroom.

I am eager to hear your views and want to provide an opportunity as soon as possible after Easter for you to come into the college to meet me with Martin Brook. On Tuesday 19 April, starting at 7pm we will make a very short presentation and this will be followed by an opportunity to ask us any questions that you may have.

I am working closely with Martin Smith at the moment to ensure a smooth transition of leadership and I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Yours faithfully

Mr Steve Green  
Headteacher designate