

# Melksham Oak Community School

*raising aspirations, learning for life, success for all*



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Dear Parents and Carers

I am excited and proud to write to you as the newly appointed Interim Principal of Melksham Oak.

I am determined to build on the community ethos that Steve Clark developed during his tenure in creating a successful, vibrant and nurturing environment for our students and staff. My aim is to put students at the centre of everything we do so they can learn, achieve, have fun and grow into exceptional young adults.

I have been a teacher for more than twenty years and I'm fully aware of the challenges and opportunities that exist in the current educational climate. Both my parents were teachers and I take great pride in choosing a vocation that does so much to benefit our future generations. As a father of two secondary-aged children, I am acutely aware of the need to create a safe, creative and collaborative school experience for our children. This needs to be rooted in expert knowledge that provides everyone with the opportunity to thrive and succeed.

Put simply, my vision is to develop a great community-centric school by:

- Building an ethos around our core values of kindness, effort and mutual respect to drive positive behaviour.
- Creating a culture of excellence in teaching and learning by developing, recruiting and retaining the very best staff available.
- Providing a range of academic and extra-curricular opportunities for our students to truly achieve and flourish.
- Promoting the importance of mental and physical well-being for our whole school community.

As a teacher of nineteen years in West Wiltshire, I can honestly say I have never worked with a more passionate, committed and skilled team of staff. We're fortunate enough to be situated in one of the most modern and well-equipped school facilities within this region. Our students are passionate, gifted and offer so much potential. I have the highest expectations of their behaviour and would like to reiterate the need for them to attend punctually, behave respectfully and try their very best in and outside of the classroom.

I'm writing you this letter because I know that communication is the key to being successful. There needs to be a clear connection between parents, guardians, students and our staff. We all want the best for our young people so please support us by utilising the range of communication channels we offer and visit, phone or email the school.

We are very excited about the journey ahead with the White Horse Federation and the ability to collaborate closely with their schools. Their vision of "Values, Character and Excellence in Standards" absolutely marries with our own and I look forward to your continued support along the way.

Yours sincerely

Aidan Blowers  
Interim Principal

