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New Head Teacher for Stradbroke High School and Business & Enterprise College

As you are aware Suffolk County Council has been going through a reorganisation of its schools across the whole County. In High Suffolk we have been largely unaffected by the changes this is bringing because schools in this area are already organised in two tiers; that is pupils transfer to high school at the end of Year 6 when they are eleven years old.

However, in other localities schools are moving towards this two tier system. In Lowestoft this means that a new Sixth Form is planned and a new high school is already underway to accommodate the extra number of pupils as the middle schools close.

Just before half term I was delighted to be appointed as Head Teacher of the New High School in Pakefield and I will take up the post in April 2010. This is a very exciting opportunity for me to be leading a new school right from the beginning, from the design of the buildings to the appointment of all the staff. It is one of those opportunities that comes up once in a lifetime and it will be a great challenge to make sure it all comes together for September 2011 when the new school opens.

In spite of this I made the decision to leave Stradbroke High School with very mixed emotions. I believe this School is unique and offers the highest levels of care and the very best standards of education. Pupils here make excellent progress and develop all those skills and qualities we know they need to succeed in later life. The staff are totally committed and dedicated to getting the best for all their pupils and the facilities and resources are first class. In short, I have loved every minute of being Head Teacher here.

The Governors have taken this opportunity to move the School further forward in attaining "outstanding" in every aspect of its work. They have advertised for a new Head Teacher in the Times Educational Supplement and will be interviewing candidates during the third week in January. There has already been a strong expression of interest in the post from potential candidates.

This appointment will allow the School to build on its great success in public examinations and in its high standards of achievement for all pupils. The Governors look forward to introducing the new Head to the community once an appointment has been made. In the meantime please feel able to contact the School if you have any specific questions.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

Perry Linsley



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