



Appointment of Principal of Robert Smyth Academy

The Governing Body recently advertised the post of permanent Principal for Robert Smyth Academy. We received many applications from across the country for this post. The two-day interview process involved students, staff, Governors and representatives of Tudor Grange Academies Trust.

We are delighted to announce that Mr. Daniel Cleary has been appointed Permanent Principal of the Academy. Mr. Cleary is currently Deputy Headteacher at La Mare de Cartreter High School in Guernsey, one of the leading educational institutions in the Channel Islands. Mr. Cleary is a history teacher, has a passionate interest in education and a track record of raising achievement in the schools in which he has worked. He is currently completing the National Professional Qualification for Headteachers. Throughout the complex interview process Mr. Cleary was authentic, articulate and visionary and was both popular and successful with all the interview panels, students, staff, Governors and Trust representatives.

Mr. Cleary said, *"I am very keen to meet the students, parents and community in the coming months. I am looking forward to making the most of all that is great in the school, driving up educational standards and making sure all students gain the best possible outcomes at Robert Smyth Academy."*

"Robert Smyth Academy can now look forward to greater stability and an exciting and successful future. We know that Daniel is looking forward to meeting parents, students and the community of Market Harborough at the earliest opportunity," stated Dr. Machon, Chair of the Academy's Local Governing Body

As you are aware, Mr. Richard Taylor stepped up from his Vice Principal position into the role of Acting Principal in March 2017. Mr. Taylor will continue in the post of Acting Principal until Mr. Cleary takes up his post. The Local Governing Body and the Academy more widely are very grateful for the service that Mr. Taylor has discharged since March.