

It was with great pride and excitement that I accepted the post of Headteacher of Marsden Heights Community College last week. Having spent just one day in the college, it was clear that this was definitely the place for me. The warmth from staff, students, parents and governors and the desire for students to achieve was strong and as a new visitor to the college, I was instantly made to feel welcome.

I believe passionately that every child should be supported to be the best that they can be through a strong partnership between home and school and I will work tirelessly to ensure that all our children grow and develop into independent and resilient learners who can face the demands of the future with confidence and with great memories of their time at Marsden Heights. With the obvious talents and skills of the staff and the strong focus on learning, our children will be better equipped to deal with an ever-changing world.

In the last 23 years I have spent my time in two community schools both in very different circumstances but both with a real commitment to be at the heart of their communities, so it should come as no surprise that I passionately believe that every school should play a leading role in its local community as well as within a national and global community. Marsden Heights is perfectly placed to do so.

My current role has been as Deputy Headteacher for the last ten years. During this time the chance to be Acting Headteacher really fuelled my passion for leading my own school and whilst I am under no illusions about the demands of the job, the rewards are plenty. Over the next few months I will be visiting MHCC to talk to staff, students, parents and governors about our next steps as a college. Whilst this will be a time of change for myself and the college, I am really looking forward to the challenges ahead and feel privileged to be able to lead Marsden Heights Community College on its journey to excellence.

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