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Wimborne Academy Trust makes top new appointment



CEO Liz West with Brian Boyes, new Director of School Improvement, at Wimborne Academy Trust.

A successful and expanding education academy trust has made a top appointment to ensure its schools are the best in Dorset.

Wimborne Academy Trust (WAT), home to 11 first and middle schools across the east of the county, has appointed former headteacher Brian Boyes as its new Director of Improvement.

This is a newly created role for the Trust and Brian will be responsible, both strategically and operationally, to provide the support and guidance that will help all its schools succeed.

Brian is an experienced leader of education with a strong track record in school improvement, including his most recent deployment as an acting headteacher at a school placed in Special Measures.

He is also an advanced skills teacher and nationally recognised Specialist Leader of Education.

CEO of Wimborne Academy Trust, Liz West, said: "When WAT was first formed in 2014 we were seven schools all rated Outstanding or Good.

"Since then we have expanded to 11 schools and with Brian's appointment our school improvement team has been significantly enhanced to support this growth and any future growth.

"Brian will also have an important role in working with other education providers through our Wimborne Teaching School, which offers a bespoke service to improve education across Dorset and beyond.

"Throughout Brian's career he has made a significant impact on the lives of young people through his relentless drive to improve standards.

"Brian will not only help our schools achieve their very best but also support any schools that come to us because they need extra support."

Brian began his career in teaching in 2005 as a physics teacher and has taught in five secondary schools, in various leadership roles.

Previously he has been deputy headteacher at Queen Elizabeth's School in Wimborne, successfully completing the National Professional Qualification for Headship.

Brian said: "I'm thrilled to be joining Wimborne Academy Trust and taking up such a key position.

"I am passionate about every single child reaching their full potential and it is wonderful to join a Trust with the same vision and ethos.

"I'm excited to work with all the WAT schools and other schools in the community on helping children achieve their very best.

"We are on a journey together to future growth and the Trust has everything in place to provide education right from pre-school to sixth form."

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Note to editors:

Wimborne Academy Trust's 11 schools are: Allenbourn Middle; St Michael's CE Middle, Emmanuel CE Middle, Lockyer's Middle, Colehill First, Hayeswood First, Merley First, St John's CE First, Hillside First, Verwood First and Witchampton CE First.

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