



Olive AP Academy
NENE VALLEY

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Head of Academy: Richard Rushton

Friday 26 May 2023

Dear parent/carer,

I am writing to inform you that Richard Rushton, Head of Academy at Olive AP Academy – Nene Valley (OA-NV), will be leaving the academy at the end of the summer term to take on a headteacher role at a mainstream secondary school in the region. Richard has made a significant impact during his time with Olive Academies Trust, not least leading the academy to secure a Good rating from Ofsted in 2022. His new appointment is extremely well-deserved and, on behalf of everyone at Olive Academies, I'd like to wish him every success in his new role.

I'm delighted to confirm that Assistant Headteacher at OA-NV, David Saunders, has been appointed Acting Head of Academy, effective from 1 September 2023. David is well-known to staff and pupils and has played a pivotal role in the academy's Senior Leadership Team since joining us in 2022 so is extremely well-placed to lead the academy.

It is also timely to notify you that Assistant Headteacher, Gareth Williams, is transferring to Olive AP Academy – Cambridge so that he can be closer to his home to achieve a better work-life balance.

Recruitment has taken place for the two resulting assistant headteacher vacancies at OA-NV and I'm pleased to advise that John Tregear and Arron Jennings have been appointed and will join the academy on 1 September.

Over the summer term there will be a thorough handover to ensure that the change in leadership is seamless for staff, pupils and families. The Senior Leadership Team, along with all members of staff, will ensure the academy continues to deliver high quality provision throughout this period of change and beyond.

If you have any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the academy office via email info.nenevalley@oliveacademies.org.uk phone 01945 479704 or in person and we will be happy to assist you.

Yours sincerely

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