



Dear Parents and Carers,

The RSAT Board is very pleased to announce that the recent campaign to choose a new Headteacher for the Trust was successful.

A number of qualified and experienced candidates were assessed over several days, with school visits and presentations to pupils, staff and formal interview panels.

Following the selection process and a unanimous Board decision, an offer has been made to, and accepted by, Gordon Farquhar, Principal of Joyce Frankland Academy (formerly Newport Free Grammar School) near Saffron Walden, a secondary school rated 'good' by Ofsted.

In his presentations, Mr Farquhar impressed the panels with his enthusiasm and passion. During his 5 years at Joyce Frankland, Mr Farquhar has presided over a successful period of change and development, and is proud that, 'the attainment results are some of the best in the country.'

Mrs Rawlings will continue to lead the transformation process. The Board wish to make clear that Mrs Rawlings chose not to apply for this post. The Trustees are very grateful for all her hard work and very much hope to retain her services within the new school. Mrs Rawlings is looking forward to working with Mr Farquhar in the final stages of the transformation.

Yours sincerely

Carol Boston
Chair of RSAT on behalf of RSAT