

It is a pleasure to be joining the Seckford Foundation Free Schools Trust as Headteacher of Ixworth Free School, which is set to open its doors to students in September 2014. It is an exciting time as we prepare for the new school to provide an inspiring academic experience that is student-centred and stimulating.

At Ixworth Free School we are committed to opening the hearts and minds of the young people that join us, to ensure that they test the boundaries of their abilities and realise their full talents. My aim, and that of my staff, will be to give students the means to excel in every aspect of life, by nurturing them as individuals, and yet encouraging our students to understand and appreciate the differences they meet in others within our unique and caring community.



Across the fourteen years I have been in the teaching profession, I have never lost sight of the satisfaction of educating our youth, whether in the classroom as a teacher of English or in my substantive positions of responsibility as Head of English and then Deputy Headteacher. Throughout, I have always sought to instil in students habits that last a lifetime and foster in them a love of lifelong learning. Part of this success has been achieved through leading by example. Hence on completing my BA (Hons.) in Literature and PGCE from the University of Hertfordshire, I went on to complete my Masters in Education at Cambridge University. I have completed my NPQH and am currently studying for my Doctorate at King's College London. These opportunities have enabled me to remain reflective and current in an educational market that is changing faster than ever before. I have also been a Local Authority governor and Clerk to governors for schools in the primary sector.

The key to the success of any school is the strong partnerships that the school develops with its parents / carers and wider community. By working together, we can ensure that each student in our care receives the best support and guidance available. I recognise my responsibility as Headteacher is to ensure that at Ixworth Free School we fulfill our aims and build on our achievements, so as to ensure that students when leaving the school are well prepared to face life's future challenges with confidence and pride.

I look forward to meeting you in the near future, either as a member of the school and its wider community or as someone interested in finding out more about us.

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