



Following this year's GCSE results it is with sadness that the Governors of the Wellington Academy announce that Andy Schofield has left the Academy today.

Andy was appointed in 2008 and was involved in the Academy from the early stages of the planning. He played a major role in converting the predecessor school, with 450 students, into the Academy of today with over 1,100 pupils including a sixth form of nearly 300, two boarding houses and a Combined Cadet Force. Andy's drive and leadership ensured that the outstanding new buildings were delivered on time and that they became a centrepiece of the Ludgershall and Tidworth community. The Governors want to place on record their thanks to Andy for his contribution and dedication over the five years he has been in post.

The Governors have taken this opportunity to ask the sponsor, Wellington College, to take a more active role in the Academy and with immediate effect Dr Anthony Seldon, the Master of Wellington College, is appointed Executive Head of the Academy. Wellington College's exam results are among the most improved in the United Kingdom, and as Head of the College, and previously of Brighton College, Anthony has a national reputation for transforming the academic profile of schools.

Anthony Seldon will work closely with Dr Michael Milner, currently the Director of Studies of the College, who is appointed Acting Principal. Michael, who has been working at the Academy for the last two terms, knows the Academy well. The Governors are confident that with Wellington College's superb and unrivalled record of result improvement, the new leadership and the staff of the Academy will achieve the ambitious goals set by the Governors for the Academy students.

Anthony Seldon and Michael Milner are looking forward to meeting both students and staff when term starts next week, and they will be holding parents' evenings during the term so that they can meet parents and carers. They are very aware of the important role the Academy plays in the life of the community and want to build on the excellent links with Ludgershall, Tidworth and the surrounding villages.

David Cowley
Chair of Governors
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