



THE ISLAND FREE SCHOOL

Welcome to the October newsletter from The Island Free School

Dear Parents

As the countdown continues toward September 2014 we have been making the first crucial steps in turning our vision for an outstanding school into reality. Plans for the site, staffing and curriculum are all well ahead of Department for Education expectations and we are confident we will be ready to sign our funding agreement with the Secretary of State early in the Spring.

Principal appointment

Advertising for the school Principal began in August and we were delighted by both the quantity and quality of applications we received. The formal interviews were held at the Royal Ventnor hotel on Friday 27th September of the school. The interview panel, which included representatives from the group and OFSTED inspector Wiola Hola, are delighted to announce that Mr Steph Boyd has been appointed as our Principal. Mr Boyd is a highly experienced teacher and leader who has worked in both the state and private sectors including three years at a music school.

We are also pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Vicky Turtle as the Island Free Schools office manager. Vicky comes with a wealth of experience of working in an outstanding school and will be a considerable asset to The Island Free School.

Admissions

We have been delighted by the number of admission applications that we have already received from year 6 parents across the Island. If you are a parent of a year 6 pupil and have not yet completed our online admissions form, you can do so at www.theislandfreeschool.org

Open evening

Our open evening is fast approaching. Its taking place on Monday 21st October, at Rew Valley Sports Hall from 5.30pm to 8pm. Remember Island parents do not have to settle for second best anymore when it comes to your child's education. We hope to see you there. In the mean time if you have any enquiries you can contact us via our website.

Public Consultation

As part of the process of opening a Free school, we have to conduct a Section 10 public consultation, under the Academies Act. We would welcome your thoughts on how to improve our plans via the comments form on our website. If you would like to discuss our plans we are holding a consultation event at the Riverside Centre, Newport on Saturday 5th October from 9am to 1pm.

Finally, may we thank you all for your continuing support.

Warren Riches (Chair of Governors)

***An Island School for Island Families
offering outstanding education for all***

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