

12th September 2018

Dear families,

It gives me great pleasure to introduce myself as the new Headteacher of The Misbourne. The Academy has been on a fantastic journey in recent years and I feel privileged to have been appointed by the governors to lead it through the next exciting stage of its development.

I trained as a PE and Geography teacher at Warwick University and join The Misbourne with 24 years of teaching and senior leadership experience in schools across the Midlands and Sussex.

I visited the academy on a number of occasions before the summer break and was impressed by the professionalism of staff and by the positive learning environment in classrooms. As we start this new term I am pleased to say that same level of work ethic, teamwork and kindness can be seen in abundance with new staff and new students settling into The Misbourne way with ease, as if they, we, had long been part of the 'family'.

The Misbourne has many great strengths and the relationship between families, staff and students is crucial to its ongoing success. By working together, we can ensure students make the most of every opportunity available to them and make outstanding progress, such that they leave us with the qualifications, skills and attitudes to be successful in whatever future path they choose.

I have high expectations of all students and will continue to expect excellent behaviour. When students come to school on time, every day, ready to learn, staff can focus their attention on planning for each individual student's needs and provide both the challenge and support required for them to achieve more than they ever thought possible.

As we look forward to the year ahead, we would like to work with families and other key stakeholders, to help devise a new vision for the future of The Misbourne. We will be looking to further strengthen opportunities for student voice, and student leadership, building a vision and school improvement plan around providing the kind of World Class education required so that Misbourne students leave us with the confidence to stand shoulder to shoulder with anyone they meet in the work place and beyond.

This week we have already seen the introduction of a new behaviour for learning policy, demonstrating our commitment to the highest standards of behaviour, and increased opportunities to reward students. In the coming months there will be the launch of a brand new website that will be more user friendly, informative and afford us the opportunity to really showcase all that is happening in the academy.

I am excited for the year ahead and look forward to meeting as many of you as I can over the coming weeks and months. I would like to begin by inviting you to an informal meeting with myself and members of the Senior Leadership Team. There will be two opportunities, Thursday 20th September 5-6pm and Tuesday 25th September 6-7pm, to attend and we request that you contact our reception on admin@misbourne.bucks.sch.uk or 01494 862869 to book a place so that we may plan refreshments.



Ms Jo Meloni
Headteacher

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"A culture of ambition permeates the school; students are at the heart of everything the school does"

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