

10<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Dear Families

**New Head of Year 9**

I am writing to inform you of a change to our pastoral team. Mr Gamble, who has served as a Head of Year at the academy for several years, has secured a new role in a different sector and is no longer working in education. We would like to thank him for his contributions and wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

We are, however, delighted to welcome Mr Powell to our team as the new Head of Year 9. Mr Powell brings a wealth of experience and a commitment to supporting young people. He will be the first point of contact for Year 9 families and I know you will join me in giving him a warm welcome to our academy community.

**Mr Powell shares the following message:**

*"I am excited to be a part of The Wells Academy as a Head of Year. I have over 10 years' experience working with young people in a number of roles both in education and the social care sector, including as a children's social worker, Head of Year, and Deputy Safeguarding Lead. Throughout my career, I've been passionate about creating strong relationships, promoting inclusion, and helping students overcome barriers so they can thrive both academically and personally.*

*My pastoral experience has taught me that only when children are happy and feel valued will they make the most of the opportunities available to them.*

*I am looking forward to working with the students whilst upholding the academy's high standards and to working alongside staff, families and students to ensure our young people go on to reach their full potential."*

We are confident that Mr Powell will be a fantastic addition to our team and a great support to our Year 9 students and families.

Yours sincerely

Mr G Coles  
**Principal**

