

PRESS RELEASE

Ladder School – Principal Designate Appointed

The Ladder School due to open in January 2019 has appointed its new school Principal Designate, Mr Chris Bury.

Chris Bury has been a teacher for the last ten years, where he has worked in a number of different teaching roles, across several settings. Most recently Chris holds the responsibility as an Assistant Headteacher at Kingsmead School, Hednesford. At Kingsmead Chris heads up the effective running of behaviour, attendance and Special Educational Needs.

Chris who was educated at Cannock Chase High School returned to the school to complete his Initial Teacher Training through the Graduate Teacher Programme.

Chris said, "I am honoured to have been selected as the new Principal Designate of the Ladder School, this is an exciting project with values I hold dear."

"The Ladder School will provide a unique opportunity for young people in Walsall and I will ensure that students have access to an outstanding provision, to allow them to open doors to new opportunities."

"The Mercian Trust is a diverse multi academy trust – with leaders who are educational pioneers, ensuring the highest standards, in all of its partner schools."

"I am a firm believer that excellent learning starts with clear principles, if you get the little things right, everything else will fall into place – and I can't wait to get started in September."

The school which is in the pre-opening phase will cater for 112 students (when full), aged 13-18 and will primarily meet the needs of Walsall students with the potential to serve the wider Black Country. The proposed site at St Matthews Quarter will be developed ready to move in to new facilities in the 2019/20 academic year with a temporary site at Millennium House being utilised until the new facility is ready.

The school consultation is focussing on key areas including the proposed sites, the admissions process, key policies and our education offer. To find out more you can log on to www.ladderschool.co.uk . We are keen to hear your views about our proposals. And consultation is open now until 11th July 2018.

NOTE to EDITOR:

*This will be an Alternative Provision free school in Walsall, originally proposed by Walsall Studio School, under the auspices of The Mercian Trust. The Mercian Trust is a new Multi Academy Trust, established by the Queen Mary's Foundation and The Vine Trust Group, which sees two Ofsted Outstanding Selective Grammar Schools, two Comprehensive Schools and the Studio School working together to offer educational pathways for children in Walsall whatever their abilities or interests.