

PRESS RELEASE

The Costello School Announces New Headteacher

The Costello School is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Andrew Conway as its new substantive Headteacher, directing the school's leadership as it continues its progress as part of the Bohunt Education Trust (BET) family of high achieving schools. Mr Conway, who has served as Acting Headteacher since May, will lead the school into its next exciting phase following a rigorous selection process.

Mr Conway was chosen from a deep and diverse pool of candidates, including currently serving headteachers and deputy headteachers. The selection involved a series of challenging assessments, including teaching demonstrations and interviews conducted by panels comprising members from the Costello Local Governing Body, the Bohunt Education Trust, staff and students.

Hilary Todd, Chair of Governors, said: *"We are confident that Mr Conway's leadership will guide The Costello School towards achieving even greater success. His experience and commitment to educational excellence make him an ideal fit for our school community."*

Before joining The Costello School as Deputy Headteacher, Mr Conway was Head of Sixth Form at Yateley School, a provision which was recognised as 'Outstanding' by Ofsted and achieved results in the top 25% nationally. He holds an MBA and National Professional Qualification for Senior Leadership (NPQSL).

Neil Strowger, Trust Leader at Bohunt Education Trust, said: *"Andy has been instrumental to The Costello School's success since joining in September 2023 and brings a wealth of experience and a proven track record in educational leadership. Andy will have the full support of an active and experienced Board of Governors, a talented senior leadership team and a dedicated staff body. We are thrilled to see how he will build on the strong foundations already in place at The Costello School."*

Mr Conway plans to engage with parents and carers shortly to discuss his vision for the school's future and is committed to strengthening relationships within the Costello School community. He is

also keen to collaborate with colleagues across Bohunt Education Trust's other eight schools and continue to foster a supportive environment for both staff and students.

Andy said: "I am absolutely delighted to take on this role full-time and look forward to working closely with our dedicated staff and wider Costello community. Together, I have no doubt that we will continue to strive for excellence in education and ensure that every student reaches their full potential."

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- Bohunt Education Trust is a high performing MAT, which has taken greater autonomy to grow from one very successful academy to a family of nine schools - in Liphook, Portsmouth, Worthing, Petersfield, Steyning, Wokingham, Basingstoke, Horsham and Farnborough.
- Central to its ethos of 'enjoy respect achieve' is a commitment to 'game-changing' education, and to using innovation that works, giving all students every opportunity to succeed in life, regardless of their background.
- BET also champions outdoor education and learning, with students widely participating in the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme, bushcraft camps and on expeditions to Mongolia, Greenland, and the Himalayas.

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