

I am delighted to have this chance to introduce myself to you as the new Headteacher of Old Buckenham High School and I hope you share my excitement at the opportunities we face together in the months and years ahead.

On a professional level, I come to Norfolk having enjoyed a great deal of success as an experienced Deputy Head in two diverse London schools. But I am first and foremost a family man and my wife and I and our children are thrilled about the prospect of enjoying a different way of life and making new friends in the area.

Although I officially take up the post in January, I have already started working with the exceptional staff, students and Governors at Old Buckenham to ensure that the New Year gets off to the best possible start. The New Year is also the start of a new decade and I see this as an ideal opportunity for all of us in the school community to set down a marker and unite in ***Achieving Excellence Together***, which is the school's recently agreed vision.

It is a great privilege to be asked to lead any school but I think Old Buckenham is particularly special. It is a happy, vibrant school - one of the benefits of being a smaller-than-average high school - and it is at the centre of a welcoming and inclusive community. I intend to ensure that our young people continue to thrive and make outstanding progress, both academically and socially. We will aim for the highest possible standards of Teaching and Learning and the care and support that students receive will be first class.

I shall be making it my priority to meet as many existing parents and carers as I can in the New Year as well as other members of our community, including the local primary schools. If you have anything you wish to discuss about your child's education, please feel free to contact me at the school.

I look forward to meeting you.

Peter Wear

