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Dear parents and carers,

We are writing to share a positive update regarding the leadership arrangements at Cowes Enterprise College.

We are pleased to share that Paul Slaughter has been appointed as Executive Principal of the school and will take up the role from September.

Mr Slaughter brings a wealth of leadership experience and is currently Principal at Ormiston Six Villages Academy in Chichester, where he has led the school since 2018. He will move into an Executive Principal role across both schools, providing strategic leadership and working closely with both leadership teams.

Mr Slaughter has a strong track record across Ormiston Academies Trust and already has a good understanding of Cowes Enterprise College through his work with the Trust, which will support continuity and a smooth transition. We know he is very much looking forward to meeting students, families, staff and the wider community.

As shared a few weeks ago, Vice Principal Vicky Wells will continue to lead the day-to-day running of the school throughout this term, working closely with the senior leadership team and the Trust, including Adrian Price, to ensure continued support and stability for students as we move into the new academic year.

We will also be recruiting for a Head of School to enhance our leadership arrangements, with the intention of making a permanent appointment for September and will keep you informed of developments.

We hope that this update provides reassurance that the academy continues to be well supported and our focus remains on ensuring the best possible outcomes for all students, supporting not only their academic progress but also their wellbeing, personal development and wider opportunities.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Paul Hyde  
Education Director, West Region  
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Rachel Richards  
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