



Appointment of New Headteacher at Bredon Hill Academy

The Worcestershire Hills Trust and the Local Governing Body at Bredon Hill Academy are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Mike Horton as the new Headteacher, following his successful tenure as Acting Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher at the school. He will formally take up the substantive post from 1st September 2026.

Mr Horton joined Bredon Hill Academy five years ago as an Assistant Headteacher, was promoted to Deputy Headteacher at the beginning of last year and has been serving as Acting Headteacher since Miss Debbie West's retirement at Christmas. During this time, he has played a key role in leading the school. He brings a wealth of experience in education, having also held senior leadership positions at North Bromsgrove High School, where he held a number of roles including Assistant Headteacher and Head of English. His career has been underpinned by a strong focus on teaching and learning, inclusion and raising aspirations for all pupils.

The appointment follows a rigorous selection process involving students, staff, governors and representatives from the Worcestershire Hills Trust.

Dr Tony Evans, Chief Executive Officer of Worcestershire Hills Trust, and Mr Joe Kelleher, Chair of Governors at Bredon Hill Academy, are delighted with the new appointment. "We were very impressed with Mr Horton's application and the excellent leadership he has provided as Deputy Headteacher and as Acting Headteacher following Miss Debbie West's retirement. Mr Horton demonstrated a clear vision for the future of Bredon Hill Academy and a deep understanding of the school and its community. He was an outstanding candidate and the clear choice of the Trust and Local Governing Body. We are confident that he is the right person to maintain the special culture of Bredon Hill Academy while continuing to lead the school forward in a changing educational landscape."

Mr Horton is equally pleased. "It is a privilege to be appointed as Headteacher of Bredon Hill Academy. I am incredibly proud to lead a school with such a strong sense of community and commitment to excellence. I am very much looking forward to continuing to work with our pupils, staff and families to build on our successes and ensure that every child achieves their very best."

Mr Horton is passionate about developing confident learners and fostering a love of learning, with a particular emphasis on literacy and communication. He is committed to ensuring that Bredon Hill Academy continues to provide an inclusive, high-quality education for all.

The Trust and Local Governing Body look forward to working with Mr Horton in his new role and supporting him in leading the school into its next chapter.

Dr A Evans

Mr J Kelleher