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News update

Keeping people in Filey in the picture · May 2015

Working together creatively



Partnership working is without doubt the future of education and we are pleased to see so much evidence of this as our plans for Filey School continue to take shape.

A group of students, resplendent in the new uniform, saw our partnerships in action during a visit to York. At the National Science Learning Centre they glimpsed the future of science, technology, engineering and maths – key subjects for inquiring minds. We enjoyed a tour of an outstanding academy that is keen to help us on our own journey to excellence. And we stepped back in time, to the land of the Vikings, for an altogether different education experience. Our Jorvik partners have an offer for you, too – see coupon on page 2.

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Richard Ludlow, director of education, Ebor Academy Trust and executive principal, Ebor Academy Filey

Partnerships are the key to success



We're pleased to welcome Andy Crisp, vice principal, teaching and learning – pictured above right, with

Filey School students and colleagues. Mr Crisp comes to us from Manor CE Academy, York, on a year-long

secondment. At Manor he played a key role in securing an 'outstanding' judgement from Ofsted. *More inside...*



BLAZE-R GLORY: This is the new school uniform blazer badge for Ebor Academy Filey. A dark blue will be the primary colour, complete with white shirts, black trousers and striped tie. Existing students – and Year 6 children who have signed up to come to the school in September – will be issued with vouchers so they can claim new blazers and ties for free.

Expanding the teaching team in Filey to accelerate change

High calibre education leaders are being drafted in to get the new Ebor Academy Filey off to a great start.

And current headteacher Dr Sue Morgan has decided that now is the right time to retire. Dr Morgan, aged 61, says the timing is right as the school is on the brink of great change and needs stable, consistent leadership for the next five years.

Among the new starters in September will be **Andy Crisp**, joining from an outstanding school in York as vice principal, teaching and learning. He said: "I have been working with Filey School as a Specialist Leader in Education since last November. On every visit I have made I have seen the tremendous potential the school possesses to make tangible



Andy Crisp has been teaching for 24 years, starting his career in Suffolk before moving to Yorkshire and working in schools in Easingwold, Knaresborough and York. Sue Banks grew up by the sea in the North East and started teaching in 1980. She is married to another teacher and has two grown up children

progress. Students are friendly and keen to do well while staff are totally committed and open to new ideas.

"In leaving my present school for one academic year I know there will be challenges to be faced but I am very excited about the opportunity to help



Ebor Academy Filey in its journey towards becoming an outstanding centre of learning and a source of pride for the local community."

Sue Banks taught in Leeds and Wakefield before working with City of York Council to develop excellence in teaching

English. "I'm really looking forward to being part of the team that shapes the future of Filey School where, as well as working with the English team, I will be involved in wider roles across the school and the community," she said.

Richard Ludlow, director of education at Ebor Academy Trust and executive principal of Ebor Academy Filey, welcomed the appointments.

"Dr Morgan has built some important foundations for growth and we sincerely thank her for all she has done for Filey School.

"Andy and Sue, together with other colleagues and not least the new principal, will provide a fresh perspective to take forward a new vision with existing colleagues."

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Richard Ludlow with Filey School students Emily Hinchliffe, Cavan Walker, Rheanne Chalmers and Lewis Brown-Sill



Students see partnerships in action

The National Science Learning Centre, Manor Church of England Academy and the Jorvik Viking Centre – all partnerships with Ebor Academy Trust and all stopping-off points for Filey School students on a visit to York. The tour emphasised to the young people the many different kinds of support available – and the strength of partnership working in action.

Simon's new dream job in USA

A popular PE teacher and rugby coach is swapping Filey for Chicago this summer to take up a dream job in the United States.

Simon Smith, aged 53, has taught hundreds, if not thousands, of children at Filey School over a 24-year career.

Now the opportunity has come up for him to cross the Atlantic and coach rugby 7s over 4,000 miles away.

Simon, who has played for both Scarborough and

Bridlington Rugby Clubs, will take charge of the Chicago Blaze rugby club's seven-a-side programme after accepting a once-in-a-lifetime offer from a friend who lives out there.

"I've kept in touch with Jonty Tinsley since he emigrated via Facebook," explained Simon. "Just before Christmas he messaged me to ask if I'd be interested in a potential job coordinating their 7s programme.

"It's always been a dream to do something like this and with rugby 7s now being an Olympic event – It's a format of the game that is growing world-wide. I've spoken with my children and family and they are really excited for me.

"I consider myself very lucky. I don't know where it will lead, however I'll just take it as it comes."

Simon has been teaching for 30 years and for most of that time has been at Filey School,

which changes its name to Ebor Academy Filey soon. "The school has been great about it," he said. "Exciting things are coming to the school and while it would be good to be a part of it, this is an opportunity I just can't miss."

Chicago-bound:
Simon Smith



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time to come
and join us

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Head retires from Filey School: 'a lovely place to work'

Dr Sue Morgan is retiring as headteacher of Filey School.

Dr Morgan, aged 61, says the timing is right as the school is on the brink of great change and needs stable, consistent leadership for the next five years. Filey School will be renamed Ebor Academy Filey when it is taken over soon by York based Ebor Academy Trust.

Hailing from Sunderland, Dr Morgan received her doctorate in biochemistry and was Head of Science, teaching biology and chemistry at A-level before working her way up to become Deputy Head at Whitby Community College. She joined Filey School initially in a supporting role in 2012, before being appointed headteacher in September 2013.

Facing up to the challenges of low attainment and low expectations, Dr Morgan says she avoided "quick fixes" deciding instead on tackling root causes of the school's many difficulties. "I was determined to make changes that would be sustainable in the long term interests of the school," she said. Thinking what the community needed, stabilising spending and setting up robust

systems was the start of a journey that has led to the school back in the right direction.

Richard Ludlow, director of education at Ebor Academy Trust and the school's executive headteacher, paid tribute to the hard work and service Dr Morgan had invested in Filey School. "Sue has a real understanding of what's going on and what's needed. She has been the springboard to the

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success that we are now working towards. It has been a difficult two years for her, personally in coping with a bereavement and professionally because she was aware of the scale of the changes which needed to be made and are now taking place."

Dr Morgan is now working until the end of the school year on making the transition across to Ebor Academy Trust as seamless as

possible for students and staff. "I always knew Filey School needed the resources and expertise of an academy chain to get it where it needs to be," she said. "I'm pleased with the progress I've been able to make, from reviewing the curriculum to give extra time to English and Maths, through to looking at every aspect of the site and the staff to achieve maximum efficiency."

She has this advice for her successor: "The community and children of Filey are delightful and the town has got everything going for it. I would say to the person taking over – enjoy it. This is a lovely place to work."

Dr Morgan will continue her lifelong interest in gardening in retirement, opening her garden to the public as part of the National Gardens Scheme which supports Macmillan Cancer Support, a charity she also wants to be more involved with. She also hopes to use the experience gained in Filey in different schools, should the opportunity arise.

A new principal will be appointed for the start of the new school year in September.