



HIGH STANDARDS, HIGH ASPIRATIONS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS

13th December 2024

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Dear Parent/Carers,

I hope all of our families stayed safe during last weekend's stormy weather. Thank you for all of the warm wishes that have been sent to me since I informed you of my departure from Bristol Met at the end of this academic year.

To that end, as promised, I write with further updates in regards to the smooth transition to a new Principal. As you can imagine, it takes time to advertise and recruit a new Principal. Although I will start my new position in January it will be phased to enable me to continue supporting Bristol Met for at least the remainder of the academic year. Kris Bridgeman (Vice Principal) will be stepping in to the role of 'Head of School' and a secondment opportunity for a new acting Vice Principal will be advertised shortly across the Cabot Learning Federation. This will ensure good leadership capacity to enable Bristol Met to function strongly whilst giving me some capacity to support other schools locally across our trust. I will still maintain aspects of the Principal role whilst Mr Bridgeman will take on much of the day to day running of the Academy. I will also still be present within the Academy for as much time each week as possible to ensure close working between Mr Bridgeman and I.

Mr Bridgeman has significant experience of both leadership and the local community having spent 20 years now at Bristol Met, the last 9 of which as Vice Principal. The academy is in safe hands whilst we advertise and recruit a permanent Principal from a national advert in the coming months. The intention is for the new Principal to be in post for the start of the next academic year (September 2025) at which point I will formally leave my role here.

As we move through the recruitment of a new acting Vice Principal and then a new Principal I will of course write to all of our families to keep you full updated.

On the following page is a notice around consultation on admissions policy which is a legal requirement of schools to publish to their stakeholders.

If I don't write to you again next week then I wish you all the best for the upcoming break and festive period with plenty of rest, relaxation and family time. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely

Cameron Shaw
Principal



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Consultation on the Draft Admissions Policies for Bristol Metropolitan Academy 2026/27

Admissions authorities are required to consult on their admission arrangements whenever a change to the arrangements is proposed, or if no changes are proposed, every 7 years. As such the Cabot Learning Federation is consulting on the admissions arrangements for the above school, for students joining from September 2026.

The consultation period will run from 5th December 2024 to 24th January 2025

Bristol Metropolitan Academy is a Secondary Academy.

The academy is consulting on various changes including oversubscription criteria and updating wording to make Policies clear and relevant.

A copy of the full draft policy can be found below.

[Admissions Policy](#)

Any comments on or objections to the proposals can be made during the stated period to Elizabeth Tincknell, Head of Governance for the Cabot Learning Federation. The email address for correspondence is Governance@clf.uk or in writing to Elizabeth Tincknell, Federation House, King's Oak Academy, Brook Road, Bristol, BS15 4JT.