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Ref: **New Principal for The Duston School**

The Duston Education Trust is very pleased to announce that Mr Sam Strickland has been appointed as the new Principal of The Duston School. Mr Strickland, who has been in the profession for 15 years, is currently Vice Principal at Corby Technical School where he is setting up their new Sixth Form, while on secondment from his substantive role as Vice Principal of Brooke Weston Academy, Corby.

After studying history and politics at university and being awarded a Master's degree, he gained his Post Graduate Certificate of Education from Cambridge University, qualifying as a Secondary School Teacher of History. Mr Strickland then taught in Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Northamptonshire, progressing to head of department and then senior leadership level. With an aptitude for both humanities and science Mr Strickland was initially tempted by a career in medicine but knows that he made the right choice of profession.

Mr Strickland says he is very excited at the prospect of joining and leading The Duston School. "Being appointed as the new Principal of The Duston School is a great honour and I am eager to hit the ground running as soon as I commence my duties. I am looking forward to working with the students, staff, parents and governors of the school and I am keen to lead the school into a new and exciting phase in its development. This is a fantastic opportunity and I am very grateful to the Governing Body for entrusting me with this position.'

The Governors want to thank Mrs Raine, Head of School, who has led the school so ably while it has been without a permanent Principal. She is very experienced indeed and has done an exceptional job. We are pleased she has agreed to continue until Mr Strickland takes up his post in Spring 2017.

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Chair of The Duston Education Trust

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