

23 January 2026

Dear Unity Community,

Dixons Unity Academy Principal Appointment

I am delighted to share the news that, following a rigorous national selection process, we have appointed Mr James Inman as the new principal of Dixons Unity.

Mr Inman brings a wealth of experience to the role. He is an experienced principal with a strong track record of school leadership and improvement and has worked as a RISE Advisor for the Department of Education, supporting schools to strengthen leadership, teaching and outcomes.

Mr Inman has successfully delivered in senior system leadership roles, including as Director of Education and Executive Principal across two multi-academy trusts. Mr Inman has worked across a wide range of schools in the North West and North East of England, delivering impactful improvements.

This is an exciting time for Mr Inman to be joining Unity, with his breadth and depth of experience. He is really looking forward to getting to know and working with staff, students and our Unity community.

We are confident that Mr Inman's leadership will continue to take Unity on its exciting journey from strength to strength, supporting the hard work of our students and our team.

We will confirm the arrangements for Mr Inman's start date, transition and your opportunity to meet Mr Inman in due course.

In the meantime, Mr Jacobs continues to lead our school, and because we are part of a trust, we can draw on the support and expertise of our wider team to ensure that the leadership transition is smooth, and we continue our upwards trajectory.

Thank you all for your ongoing support for Dixons Unity.

Yours faithfully

Jason Patterson

School and College Trust Leader