

# Message from the Head Teacher.



**I am delighted to be leading Hoe Valley School in its journey to becoming an outstanding and over-subscribed community school where learning is exciting, challenging and relevant to the wider world. I am committed to providing learning opportunities which are memorable to students and which equip them to confidently find their place in the world.**

As a relatively small school, we have the advantage of getting to know all of our students and ensuring nobody slips through the net. This means we will ensure the curriculum meets the interests and needs of all students and is personalized to allow them to make exceptional progress. Close monitoring and skilled intervention from class teachers and support staff will ensure nobody falls behind and that the most able are challenged.

As an English teacher I am passionate about the importance of literacy and developing young people who are avid and confident readers will underpin the curriculum. Students of all abilities will be supported and challenged to improve their literacy as without excellent written and spoken English, students cannot access any subject or indeed the demands of life outside of school.

I believe all young people are talented and it is our job to find and nurture that talent. A range of enrichment, academic, leadership and cultural opportunities will ensure their talents do not go unnoticed but are unlocked and developed.

I have the highest expectations of all staff and students. Excellent standards of behaviour in and outside of the classroom are crucial to students' happiness and attainment at school.

Finally, I would like to emphasise the importance of close relationships with parents and carers in order to ensure the success of our students. Parents of Hoe Valley School will feel informed and equipped to support their children's learning and the school will be a warm, open, safe and approachable space.

I look forward to the exciting years ahead of us. I am excited about working alongside the community and exceptional practitioners to ensure our talented young people graduate fully equipped to meet the challenges of the future with confidence.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P. Alford." with a horizontal line underneath.

**Ms Alford**, Head Teacher