

New school announces first ever headteacher

A BRAND new school in Dorchester has announced its first principal.

Dorset Studio School – which opens its doors this September – has proudly welcomed Caryl Lewis, pictured.

The new school for 13 to 19-year-olds is a partnership between Kingston Maurward College and the Thomas Hardy School, and will be based at the college campus in Dorchester.

The school will combine GCSEs in maths, English, sciences and ICT with qualifications in environmental and land-based sciences, as well as skills needed

for employability and starting a business.

Mrs Lewis began her career in Suffolk, before working in south Wales. She has held two headship positions – one in a comprehensive school in the south Wales valleys and the second in a state school on Jersey, Channel Islands.

She said: “I am very much looking forward to working with and developing an exciting form of education for young people in the local area, which will offer students high standards of both academic learning and practical vocational learning.”

“I am looking forward to building further on the strong partnerships already established with Kingston Maurward College and The Thomas Hardy School, and to forging strong links with local employers who will be actively involved with student learning opportunities.

“It is an absolute privilege to be a part of this exciting new educational development in Dorset, and be a part of the future shaping of education to ensure the students of the Dorset Studio School will have every opportunity of success in both life and work.”



Managing 'angry pupils' and other vital lessons...

By Nicola Powell

BUDMOUTH College played host to teachers from schools across Dorset for the Chesil Education Partnership achievement show.

The day consisted of a selection of sessions, led by a mix of teachers and external professionals, designed to give the attending teachers new tips and techniques for the classroom.

These sessions were split up into eight different zones such as teaching and learning, future technologies and targeting needs.

This meant that many sessions overlapped and each attendee could pick and choose what they wanted to learn.

The sessions provided huge variety with choices ranging from 'managing angry students and adults' to 'iPads in humanities' to 'girls just wanna have fun'.

Proving most popular were the sessions managing angry students by Barry Stay and Differentiation in the Classroom by Deborah Zachary.

Barry Stay's session was based around looking at the physiology of anger, the triggers and stages of anger and finally the strategies in coping with anger.

Deborah Zachary's session was based on what Ofsted look for and also looked at lesson planning and objectives.

Deborah's session was aimed at differentiating and individualising lessons based around the different abilities within a class.

Many of the other sessions



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came from Budmouth's own teachers, who were giving sessions on the concepts and ideas within Budmouth sixth

form. Prue Bendell and Amanda Williamson hosted a shorter session on whether girls need to be taught differently.

This involved presenting their findings from girls within Budmouth and also looking at national differences among grade

results. Trainee teachers who are completing their PGCEs also joined teachers who were attending the day.