

AMBROSE CHOOSE ARSENAL FAN AND DEDICATED TEACHER AS NEW ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



Dedicated Catholic teacher Patrick Groves chose St. Ambrose College as his next job in senior management because he knew he could “make a difference”

“Even though I was working in North London and had been educated first in Nottingham at the Beckett Catholic School and then at Durham University where I studied Theology, I knew about St. Ambrose College and its values. Everyone in Catholic education, certainly all my friends and colleagues in London, seemed to know about St. Ambrose and it was very much recommended.”

He added: “It is one of the country's great Catholic schools because they endeavour to inspire the boys to make a difference.”

Married to Emma and father of two, the 34-year-old passionate Arsenal fan, has been appointed as one of two Assistant principals and joins the senior management team of Principal former Dutch international rugby player James Keulemans, Deputy Principal Matthew Arthur and Director of Sixth Form and fellow Assistant Principal Pauline Ridgway.

Patrick said: “Great teachers have to be flexible, dynamic and most importantly must relate to students; not just get through lessons, but seek to inspire every day and that's what I see in my colleagues here.”

The family are moving to Hale and though St. Ambrose is and has always been a leading rugby school, Patrick wonders if the round ball might also make the occasional appearance.

“I love rugby and think it’s a wonderful sport for young people to learn, with its vast range of skills and fantastic core values of respect and team work, but I love football too and some of the staff also seem keen, so you never know we might start with a staff football team.”

“As an Arsenal fan, I seem to be very much on my own here, as it is either City or United, but I certainly won't be changing my colours now or at any time in the future.”

James Keulemans said: “Patrick is an outstanding teacher and leader and for one who is relatively young, has already has significant management experience and we know he will make a strong contribution to our team.”