

After over twenty-eight years of working formally at Beaufort Community School and since 2013 Beaufort Co-operative Academy Nigel Baggott the Director of Finance has chosen to move into semi-retirement from his post on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019

Mr Baggott joined Beaufort in 1991 as one of the first ever Bursar's employed to manage a new multi-functional role in the secondary school sector in the country to lead on Finance and Employment HR, plus Facilities and Risk Management. He has served successfully under three Headteachers during his distinguished career at Beaufort. Also during his career in the school he has seen and strategically managed substantial change including the growth of the school with over 15 million pounds of new capital investment in buildings and facilities that has been required to manage the popularity of the school within the local community.

**Nigel Baggott said:**

It has been a truly great, positive and inspirational place to work and I am so proud of the achievements of so many students that have been to and journeyed through their education at Beaufort. I am always surprised and really enjoy the contact of past students that I meet and the way they want to talk about their experiences at Beaufort and their favourite moments and recollections. Plus they often speak of the way in which the school has impacted in such a positive way on their adult life. I have also found the many teachers and support staff that I have worked with over the many years to have been truly inspirational and a pleasure to have worked with. I have gained some fabulous friends for life through Beaufort.

**Mr Bishop Principal said:**

During my time at Beaufort I have always found Nigel to be extremely professional, highly knowledgeable and able to navigate the unpredictable tides of school finance with immense skill. He has held a key strategic role within the senior leadership team and is very highly regarded by the whole staff of the school. He has also gained national recognition for his work in education and is an elected member of the ASCL, The Association of School and College Leaders where work pro-actively in informing and shaping government opinion on education systems for young people of today and the future. He has been an absolute credit to the school and I wish him well in the next stage of his career. Nigel's ability to communicate at all levels with everybody he comes into contact with in the school is a real credit to him. This has led to him forming and building such positive working relationships with some many of the staff. I wish to every success in the future and sincerely wish him well.

**Richard Williams, CEO of OUR Multi Academies Trust said:**

Nigel Baggott has been the bedrock at both Beaufort Community School and latterly Beaufort Co-operative Academy. As the school business manager and finance director for the O.U.R. Academy Trust we, the trustees and governors, knew that all finances were in very safe hands. Colleagues from our appointed accountants and audit team comment regularly upon his diligent approach to all financial matters. Nigel has also been responsible for the key management of the extensive school buildings, sports complex and the extensive surrounding grounds. He has led the team in gaining significant additional funding through successful bid writing to many organisations and the DfE to provide new specialist buildings and facilities here at Beaufort. In fact Nigel has successfully accessed many millions of pounds over the past 10 years or so. This is very commendable and should go on record as an excellent achievement that has had such a positive impact for the students and staff alike at Beaufort.

We wish him well as he moves to the next phase of his long and already successful career.