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ADAM ENJOYS PLAYING HIS PART TOWARDS KEEPING SWANMORE COLLEGE ON COURSE FOR EXCELLENCE



Adam and Emma Northover live in Swanmore with their sons, Jacob, 14, and Benji, 12.
Adam is proud to be a Governor of Swanmore College.

Simply the best

Adam is pleased to be able to apply skills he has developed during his career in the Royal Navy to help Swanmore College continue to strive to be the best it possibly can be. "In my role as a Governor, I understand the benefit of a supportive learning environment to help deliver the values and vision of the school. I believe it is important for every child to receive the best possible education," he says.

Benefiting pupils

"Having a positive educational experience gives young people a platform to succeed in life and so, having chosen Swanmore College for my own two sons, I have taken a keen interest in the school. When I saw an advert for a Co-opted Governor I applied to become one. Now I am shore-based it has helped me become more involved in the life of the school and village and I am enjoying working with my colleagues for the benefit of all pupils.



Good impression

"Before we decided on a secondary school for Jacob we visited many schools in the area. We were impressed when we looked round Swanmore and were aware it was a school constantly improving under the leadership of the Headteacher, Mr Jonathan. At some of the other schools, pupils had seemed shy and didn't say much, but the pupils who showed us round Swanmore were enthusiastic and spoke highly of the school, clearly proud of their achievements.

New opportunities

"When Jacob started, he was nervous about moving up but excited at the same time and the caring staff made him feel at home. He has some friends from his primary school, but also soon made new friends, who shared his love of football. He has embraced all the opportunities Swanmore has offered him.

Enjoying learning

"When it was time for Benji to start there was, of course, no question of him going anywhere else. It was helpful having an older brother there and he thrived at Swanmore right from the start. I remember him coming back after his first day absolutely buzzing with excitement about what he had been doing."

Inclusive school

Adam wanted the best possible education for his children and found there was hardly any difference between the OFSTED reports on local private schools and those achieved



by state schools. "I also understand that education is far more than just academic achievement, and equally recognise the importance of socialisation and integration. Swanmore College inspires real team spirit among students, which extends into the local community," he says.

Transferable skills

"I have been a leader in the military for 20 years and acquired a broad spectrum of skills navigating and commanding ships, as well as managing sailors. I am now involved in determining part of the strategic direction of the Navy and am keen to use my skills to help shape the strategic direction of the school. I have also been involved with manpower and training and am delighted to be able to apply my expertise to help the school.

Health and fitness

Harry says: "When I first started at Swanmore I expected it to be intimidating, but the staff walked us through the school to show us where everything was and we settled in quickly. I made lots of new friends and enjoyed the chance to try different things.

Maintaining high standards

"I am delighted Swanmore College is a modern school that upholds traditional values. The committed and dedicated staff work hard to encourage pupils to find their passions and they celebrate their success. The Governors support this vision to ensure the school continues to provide an excellent education for every pupil," Adam says.



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