

Open day is successful

The first principal for St Richard Reynolds Catholic College was announced this week, following a successful open day for the school attended by 800 people.

Current headteacher at Christ's School Richard Burke has been given the role after previously working for four Catholic schools.

Mr Burke said: "It is a delight and privilege to have been appointed principal.

"It is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for a headteacher to develop a new school, especially as the college will have pupils from four to 18.

"As head of Christ's School since September 2004, I have

been fully aware of the groundswell of support from the local Catholic community to establish a Catholic secondary school.

"I am very proud of what we have achieved at Christ's School, however the time is now right for me to take on this exciting venture and I look forward to the challenge."

At an open day on Saturday, October 20, more than 800 parents and potential students came along to take a look at the new school.

Andy Cole, chairman of the interim governing body, said: "I was delighted at the level of support shown by so many people."