



**Mrs Jo Woolley has completed her first term as Head at Blue Coat School.**

She was born in Stroud and brought up at Wycliffe where her father was a teacher. Jo's mother taught Home Economics at Stroud High. After a year out, Jo went to Exeter University to read History and Education. She has had a varied and

interesting career in many different schools.

Her first teaching post was at a large state school in Exeter, and later she was at the independent St Paul's Prep in London.

While working there she lived in Chiswick and later Fulham.

Jo returned to The West country to teach at Frampton-on-Severn Primary.

In 2002 Jo became Deputy at Amberley. After a time she was promoted to Head.

In April Blue Coat School appointed Mrs Woolley as the new Head. The summer term could not have been busier - all the staff, pupils, and parents to meet, as well as a surprise OFSTED visit a few weeks ago!

Mrs Woolley is delighted that Blue Coat has been recognised as exceptional by OFSTED.

She is quick to praise the school environment, which she has found to be very welcoming and friendly. The children she says are very enthusiastic.

Mrs Woolley is excited by the challenge of being the Head of such a great school, and looks forward to further getting to know the pupils.

She is keen to maintain Blue Coat's high standards and to lead the school onto further successes.

Mrs Woolley hopes that the school will continue to give the children a thirst for learning and happy memories. She wants them to have an exciting and stimulating variety at Blue Coat and for the teachers to continue to develop positive relationships with the children.

**Mrs Woolley is married to the Deputy Head of Stroud's Wycliffe School.**

Travelling in the UK and abroad is something they look forward to in the holidays, and in term time they like to visit and socialise with friends locally and to walk in the Cotswolds.