

Mick heads for Harrow

Anyone who has met this fifty year old racing a mountain bike on a Welsh trail or skiing in Japanese powder snow would be surprised to learn that Mick Farley is a head master. Somehow he doesn't quite fit the mould. If your stereotypical head master is a stuffy traditionalist, prepare yourself for something different. Mick has energy, ideas and sparkle.

Harrow International School's new Head Master hails from the UK's beautiful Peak District. He read Psychology at Nottingham and embarked on several years of outdoor and adventurous activities instruction before finding his way into teaching.

Mick was the founding Head Master of a school in Qatar before moving to The British School in Tokyo. During



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his time in Japan a senior school site was added and much was done to improve both teaching and learning and crisis preparedness – work that proved invaluable during the earthquake and tsunami in March 2011.

“Harrow is a vibrant, happy and high achieving school that is blending the best of the UK independent sector with high quality British International education. In 15 years of headship I haven't met a harder working or more professional staff and the students are a pleasure to work with,” says Mick Farley.

“The School's foundations are very strong. I'm looking and listening in order to settle on the priorities for further development. We need to make better use of our unique lakeside setting and spacious environment.”

Well prepared



Harrow International School has opened its renovated Preparatory School building where pupils in Years 6-8 are now benefiting from the facilities for Art, ICT, Music and Performance. Pictured outside the building are, from left to right, Jonathan Horsnell, Head of Prep School, Michael Farley, Head Master - Harrow International School and Mathew Rees, Business Director.

What are your first impressions of Thailand?

Lots of adjectives are needed. Smiley, steamy, tasty, dynamic, colourful, contrasting, complex, adventurous, busy, and friendly. I'm going to love living and working here. There's so much happening all the time.

What are the challenges in the education sector for Thailand?

The challenge for the international sector is to provide high quality programmes that allow each child to reach his or her full potential, both in terms of academic attainment and as a person. The global economy is hungry for bright young professionals who are able to adapt swiftly to change, assess needs and find innovative solutions. This requires a specially balanced range of opportunities.