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### **GODALMING TOWN COUNCIL CHOOSES ITS NEW MAYOR**

On 18 May, Cllr Adam Duce, who represents Godalming's Holloway ward, was unanimously elected as Godalming Town Mayor for the civic year 2023/24.

Adam was born and brought up in Weybridge before moving to Devon when he was 7 and returning to Surrey in 2015 to start his first teaching post at Godalming College. As well as teaching English, he is also the College's Director of Progression overseeing the careers programme for students and their future destinations.

Adam first got elected to Godalming Town Council in 2019 and led on youth provision, establishing the Youth Service at Broadwater. He also campaigned for the creation of the Godalming Park Run. From 2022-23, Adam was Deputy Mayor of Godalming and was nominated and later a finalist for the Young Councillor of the Year Award (2022) hosted by National Association of Local Councils.

The newly-elected Mayor said "I am delighted to have been elected as Town Mayor for Godalming. I'm really keen to get to know the many and varied organisations (and the people behind them!) who do such wonderful work in order to make Godalming such a special community.

"Working at Godalming College in my day job, a key reason I ran to be a councillor in 2019 was to support young people in the town and ensure they were better represented. It's therefore my pleasure to announce that I've chosen the Dan Eley Foundation to be the Mayor's Charity this year. I am always so impressed at their fundraising efforts and what they manage to provide for young people locally.

"Please let the Godalming Town Council know if you have an event or project that would appreciate the recognition of Godalming's Mayor."

Councillor Paul Rivers was elected as Deputy Mayor.

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