

EXTENDED SERVICES SELECT COMMITTEE

Hearing 4

Friday 14 May 2010

**William Cotterell, Principal, Homewood School and Sixth Form Centre,
Tenterden**

Biography

William Cotterell has worked in the secondary sector for over thirty years and moved to Homewood in 1992 as Director of Sixth Form and Community; he was then appointed Principal in 2007. During his time at the school, William has either led or contributed much to the innovative developments in issues such as school organisation and curriculum development.

The school manages students using a “mini school” or school-within-a-school system and operates a five term year. It operates Key Stage 3 in two years with a focus on its TOTaL curriculum model and digital platform, whereby every student has the potential access to mobile technology. It commences Key Stage 4 courses in Year 9 and onto Vertical Curriculum in Year 11, allowing early entry to Advanced level courses.

William’s view that “*there is no growth without risk* “ has helped the school to reach its current position as one of the most successful schools in the County, adding value to the lives of the students and the broader community that it serves.