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Wells City Council Councillors and Clerk were invited by Head teacher Mark Woodlock to visit The Blue School to celebrate its role as the regions only Research School and one of only 3 Research Schools in the South West.

The visit provided an opportunity to see first-hand how The Blue School is leading innovation in education, supporting not only its own students but also working with other schools across the region to improve teaching standards and outcomes.

As part of the national Research Schools Network, The Blue School plays a vital role in bridging the gap between educational research and classroom practice.

Councillors were particularly impressed by the school's commitment to evidence-based teaching and its wider contribution to educational excellence in Wells and beyond. Being the only Research School in Somerset places The Blue School in a unique and influential position, bringing significant value to the city and strengthening its reputation as a centre for learning and innovation.

The visit also highlighted the school's forward-thinking approach to partnerships within the local community and its role as a major employer within the city. Representatives discussed the nearby Agratas site and the opportunities it presents for young people in the

region. The Blue School is actively exploring how it can support this development through its curriculum and Sixth Form provision.

The Mayor of Wells, Cllr Louis Agabani said:

"It was inspiring to see the exceptional work taking place at The Blue School. Their role as a Research School not only benefits their students but also has a far-reaching impact across the city and Somerset. The school's proactive approach to engaging with developments such as the Agratas site demonstrates a strong commitment to preparing young people for the future within our city, which will ultimately see benefit to Wells for years to come."

Head Teacher, Mr Mark Woodlock added:

"We are incredibly proud to have developed such an innovative and forward-looking school which supports not only our students and their families, but also offers opportunity to the wider Wells and Somerset community. "

Wells City Council looks forward to continuing its positive relationship with The Blue School and supporting its ongoing success.

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