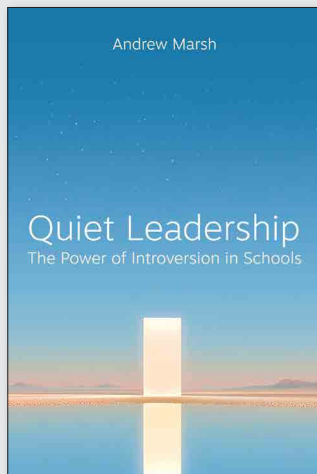


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Amid rising staff burnout in UK schools, retention challenges and increasing accountability pressures¹, there is a quiet shift taking place in leadership culture. "The most effective school leaders," argues ex-headteacher Andrew Marsh in his new book *Quiet Leadership*, "are no longer those who command the loudest voice in the room—but those who know when to step back, listen, and empower others."

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1 See <https://cpdonline.co.uk/knowledge-base/mental-health/managing-burnout-education/#:~:text=Burnout%20has%20become%20one%20of,profession%20because%20of%20these%20difficulties>.

2 See <https://www.crownhouse.co.uk/product-review/30122>

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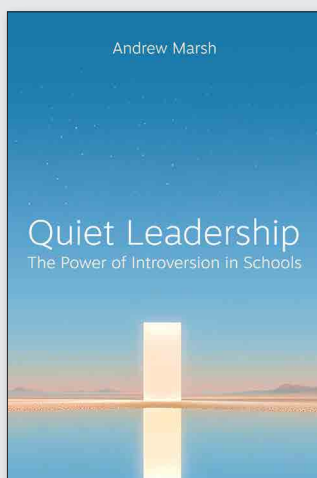
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Articles and interviews available

Andrew is available for interview, expert comment or by-lined articles on a range of topics, such as:

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