



TERMLY NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2025

I am excited to share the latest developments within the Alliance Schools Trust. Our progress and achievements continue to be anchored in our core mission of ***Education, Care and Opportunity***.

SUE COLLINGS
CEO

As 2025 draws to a close, I want to wish you all a restful and enjoyable Christmas break.

EDUCATION

Our education groups have taken off with SEND, T&L, Attendance, STEM, Yr 5 English & Maths and EYFS/KS1 continuous provision. Thank you to all staff involved in the groups.

- We also welcome colleagues from Buckingham School who are actively participating in our groups and it's great for mutual learning.

CARE

Appointments: Recruitment remains busy due to the expansion at WA and WPS.

- Kathryn Sheehan - Trust Speech & Language Therapist
- Emma Anderson - Headteacher at Watling Academy

Assurance: External reviews have taken place for safeguarding and school improvement. As you'd expect the standards are very high & improvement areas are always reflected upon & then implemented.

IT: Further investment in our infrastructure took place last summer, and we continue to boost this area as much as we can afford. An IT Strategic Group is now up and running. We are focused on the needs of our students and what will support adaptive teaching & learning.

Facilities Updates: Many SCA projects have been completed in the last 6 months and plans are being made for projects in the forthcoming year.

The Watling Academy Sixth Form building has finally opened & looks fantastic. In addition, the 10 classroom block is near completion.

Finance: Our new finance system is live and making budgetary management easier. We have said farewell to Angela and will be welcoming a new member to the team.

OPPORTUNITY

- ECF has moved forward. We are now running MK-ECF in partnership with the Chiltern Teaching School Hub.
- Brookward nursery opened back in September and is making excellent progress.
- Our recent governance event took place with talks from Ian, Phil and Catherine on the new Ofsted framework/curriculum review, safeguarding and the impact of the Enigma Maths Hub.
- We have presented to the LA & DfE for Elverby All-through School in MK East. We were 1 of 4 Trusts presenting.
- We say farewell to Helen Fry after 16 years at Denbigh School and more recently as Headteacher at Watling Academy - we know she will remain a close friend to many, and she will continue to be a close advocate for our Trust. Thank you Helen for all you have done and we wish you well in your new role.

Finally, a big thank you for all that has been achieved this term.

