



# TERMLY NEWSLETTER

## AUTUMN 2024

After the first term in this new academic year, I am excited to share the latest developments within the Denbigh Alliance and welcome Willen Primary School to our Trust. Our progress and achievements continue to be anchored in our core mission of ***Education, Care and Opportunity.***

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CEO

## EDUCATION



- **Education Director Update:** School Improvement Plans are all in place. Ian Bacon divides his time across the schools, and works with HT's & senior teams to drive further improvements. External SIP work takes place to triangulate the findings from school leaders and governors.
- **Results at Denbigh School:** P8 = 0.3 A8 = 55.6 All staff are to be congratulated on these results. These outcomes place Denbigh at the top of MK secondary schools.
- **Safeguarding:** Phil Myers has reshaped the Trust Safeguarding Group and set up a DSL forum.
- **Sixth Form at Watling Academy:** Planning submitted and procurement concludes on 6th January 2025.
  - The Open Evening was very successful and well attended by Year 11's. Helen Fry, Verity Rhodes, Anthony Brown and Ian Bacon have worked incredibly hard to get us to this stage.
- **Hub Activities: Maths Hub:** Catherine Smyth is our Maths Hub Lead and is doing an excellent job building on previous successes and developing our Hub further.
  - **Computing Hub:** has seen a transformation with our school engagement. Our new Lead is Khalid Patel and he works closely with lots of schools to meet the KPI's.
  - The **TFSCITT** continues to operate and deliver well under the leadership of Tom Molloy at St Paul's.
  - **MK-ECF** is now led by Andrea Frame and is meeting the needs of our ECT's via UCL.
  - **TSH:** I sit on the Board at our local Teaching School Hub to get updates for our area.

## CARE

- **Appointments:** We welcome Georgina Laing as our Finance Lead for our primaries. We also welcome Rachel Roberts in HR and we will be appointing a Primary Lead to support the Education Director's work. We are sad to see Gary Kennedy leave and wish him well with his retirement. We will continue to explore the best way to replace him.
- **Willen Primary:** joined on 1st September. Carrie Matthews, HT organised a celebration which took place on 19th November with student representatives from all schools.
- **Facilities Updates:** Fire doors at Denbigh School have been replaced.
  - Further snagging at Watling Academy has continued to be a challenge and more issues resolved.
  - The roof over the reception area at Drayton Park School has been replaced.
  - SCA monies for maintenance is due in April 2025. No notification yet on the amount.
- **Trust Sustainability Update:** LED's fitted in our schools. This will help to reduce energy costs.
  - Energy contract - we are now 100% renewable electric. This is a great achievement and our overall energy costs are 25% cheaper than before. The savings go straight back to schools.

As I write, we are looking forward to the Trust end of year party for which Sarah Georgiou & Scarlett Pickard have put in so much effort to make this a memorable night, thank you!

## OPPORTUNITY

Our first Trust INSET session will take place on 6th January 2025 at Denbigh School, with the theme of **"Belonging"**.

**Finally, thank you for all your hard work with our students and I hope you all have a good holiday.**

