

Central Trust Team Newsletter – June 2018

This is a short letter of updates from the Central Trust Team, providing news and progress from Bellevue Place Education Trust schools.

Watling Park School Celebrates OfSTED

Watling Park School held a celebration event on Friday 22nd June, marking the dual successes of its move into a new building and the recent publication of a 'Good' OfSTED inspection report. The Mayor of Barnet was in attendance, witnessing performances from pupil leaders and a sample of the school's wide-ranging extra-curricular provision.

Published a fortnight prior, the OfSTED report found the school to be "Good" in all areas, with "strong leadership" and "a deep curriculum" enabling pupils to "develop their knowledge and understanding". Inspectors celebrated the school's extensive educational offer, stating "The school's rich curriculum successfully develops pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development."

Congratulations to all governors, staff, parents and pupils at Watling Park School.



Robert Wilne Appointed Maths Adviser for Next Academic Year

Robert Wile has been advising our Maths Subject Leaders to help co-ordinate plans for delivering expert Maths provision in BPET schools. Translating his mastery in the subject into a unique action plan for each school, Robert will be recommending strategic developments and then providing his support in helping our schools to implement them. This will allow BPET schools to maintain the core academic excellence that has come to characterise, alongside our extensive wider curriculum, our educational offering.

New BPET COO Appointed

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Stuart Dixon as the new BPET Chief Operating Officer. Stuart comes with a vast experience in capital, procurement and school organisation, through working at Lambeth Local Authority, with a real determination to drive school standards at the heart of everything he does. Stuart will be starting in early September.



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Local Governance Changes

The BPET Board has approved the update proposal for the Local Governance arrangements from 1 September 2018. Nine changes were made following strong engagement from the consultation. We are now going through a period of preparing for the transition, with the changes that need to be made to our policies and procedures across the Trust. We have written to all governors, who we hope will all transition to the new Local Advisory Board and continue driving forward the schools they support, to remain the successful institutions that they currently are.

Parental Survey Results for 2018

Thank you to everyone who completed the BPET Parental Survey. Overall, 63% of parents responded, which is similar to last year.

- 94% of parents and carers strongly agree or agree that their child enjoys coming to school.
- 90% ranked their response as highly likely or likely to recommend a Bellevue Place Education Trust school to their friends.
- 88% of parents and carers strongly agree or agree that the school develops a child's independence and responsibility.
- 90% of parents and carers strongly agree or agree that the school's values and attitudes have a positive effect on their child.

The responses and feedback are critical to shaping schools' and the Trust's plans for the next academic year.

GDPR Update Across BPET Schools

The 'General Data Protection Regulation' (GDPR) came into force on 25 May 2018. The Trust has worked closely with all of our schools to ensure that we meet the requirements and review how we can use your personal data; how we keep it safe and also strengthening your rights over your own data. In delivering our action plan, the next key update is our data map and data asset register – the documents that set out how we hold data and when this should be deleted. The aim is to complete these by the autumn half term.

Deer Park Art Day

Deer Park School held an 'Art Day' in May and the work produced has certainly given us something to write home about!

Fawn Class (Reception) focussed on the unique portraiture of Giuseppe Arcimboldo, the 16th Century Italian artist who used fruits and vegetables to depict the human form. Roe Class (Year 1) looked at the work of Wassily Kandinsky, whose colour study *Squares with Concentric Circles* inspired their own abstract masterpieces! Finally, Marsh Class (Year 2) looked at the pop-art of Andy Warhol. Pupils produced their own series' of prints and discussed the 'mysterious' artist's work.

BPET schools all place a massive value on extra-curricular learning, seeking to encourage critical thinking and an attitude of 'be interested and be interesting' in all of our pupils. It is incredibly gratifying to see the fruits of this emphasis evidenced in the Deer Park pupils' work.

