

## Central Trust Team Newsletter – November 2018

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

### Thinking Schools moving from strength to strength

As we further develop the training in Thinking Schools for all staff, the Thinking Schools leads from all schools across the Trust came together at Whitehall Park School on 10 October 2018. They were able to share their practice and the next steps to embed the approach further. It was a very successful meeting with schools sharing great ideas and considering training at the BPET INSET Day on 7 January 2019 can support all schools.

### Thinking Matters Hub Meeting at BPET

BPET hosted a Thinking Matters Hub meeting, where all the leading Thinking Schools nationally come together. Held at Rutherford House on 9 November, we heard about the next developments in Thinking Schools and how to best implement them.



### Reasoning in maths training

All BPET schools are receiving expert maths support through a very experienced maths consultant.

With a focus of reasoning within the maths lessons, Robert is delivering five training sessions for all schools and all maths leads are coming together five times a year. The picture here is showing a very vibrant staff training session at Rutherford House, which is being replicated across the schools.

As we continue to deliver the BPET 3 Year Strategic Plan, with the focus on developing a strong, sustainable organisation, developing our high quality and enthusiastic staff is important to us. This is central to the three priorities for the Trust in this academic year:

❖ Further collaboration across Trust schools.

❖ Developing a coherent CPD plan for all staff.

❖ Reasonable growth in the number of Trust schools.

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### Staff Pay Award

Proud to say that the BPET Board has approved for staff pay awards to be in line with the national salary scales and where there is a range, BPET is in line with the higher range. We are passionate about supporting staff, recruiting and retaining the very best. While school staff come to work with great children, they should also be well remunerated for what remains a demanding role.



### Buildings – featuring Braywick Court School

While we have some great buildings across BPET, maintaining and supporting the construction for new buildings remains a priority and a challenge. Two schools are being built at the moment, with progress going strong at Braywick Court School, with the pictures showing the spoil that has been removed for the hall and foundations, with the steel works starting shortly.

Deer Park School is the other building works underway, though early challenges have impacted its progress.

**Asset Management** – BPET has been successful in attracting over £200K capital investment into our schools over the past 6 months. Three further bids are being submitted in December for our older school buildings

