

The Consortium Multi-Academy Trust

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Dear Parents,

Well what a year! Well almost a year! On the 1st August 2017 *Consortium* Multi Academy Trust will be a year old; it has been quite a journey with a few bumps along the way. Overall it's been a great year that has seen us grow from an idea and an aspiration into an organisation that is having a positive impact on the children and communities that we are serving.

Pupil numbers are up across the Trust, attainment and progress measures are moving in the right directions with many schools delivering some great results. As we look forward to the summer holiday, we should take time to reflect back on the successes and areas to develop moving forward. We should all be proud of what we have achieved in partnership with Local Governing Bodies and all parents and look to build further on that success.

The Trust central function has moved into a new central office space in Halesworth, we have laid on a significant amount of training and CPD for our staff; the Pupil Parliament has had its first sitting; we have invested significantly in capital projects; new PE equipment, new kitchen facilities, improved site security, refurbished classrooms and in one case an entire school site! And the tens of thousands of pounds of investment which has been made in upgrading IT and computing facilities for our staff and children are just a few of the developments we have seen.

Yesterday children from all of our schools came together to promote the Trust's 'Primary Entitlement' our commitment to every child that primary education is more than Literacy and Numeracy and that we acknowledge and recognise a full, engaging and exciting curriculum and experiences beyond the classroom is every child's right.

We will officially be eight schools from the 1st September with Henley Primary School, Southwold Primary School and Barnby & North Cove Primary School all converting. We are very excited to welcome our new colleagues to the CMAT family of schools and look forward to working with parents and our new communities.

Since I last wrote to you we have been actively recruiting the best quality staff, we have a strong, effective and growing team – I am sure parents will be delighted to welcome the following new staff:

Lisa Jones, Senior Audit Officer based at CMAT Central
Kirsten Ward, PA for the CEO and Trust Office Manager
Laura Rogers, CPD and HR Assistant based at CMAT Central
Kathy Brooke, SENDCo based at CMAT Central
Colin Clarke, PE and ODL Coach based at CMAT Central
Sam Roberts, PE and ODL Coach based at CMAT Central
Simon Spillings, Class teacher at Yoxford and Peasenhall
Rachel Youngman, Class teacher at Middleton
Paul Page, Class teacher at Middleton

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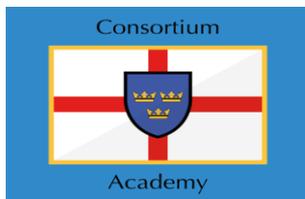
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Jack Walton, Teaching assistant at Middleton

Sam Norfolk, Class teacher at Mendham

Jessica Chamberlain, Teaching assistant at Mendham

Henry Huxtable, Class teacher at Barnby & North Cove

Dan Cordice, Class teacher at Southwold

Danny Crump, Class teacher at Henley

As well as hellos there are also some goodbyes – Mr Alan Williams, the Head at Glebeland Primary will be retiring at the end of the term, a well respected and loved head teacher that we are fortunate to retain his services as one of the CMAT Trustees.

Class teachers Miss Runacres (Middleton) Miss Truman (Southwold) and Mr Atherton (Yox Valley) are all moving on to pastures new along with Mrs Miller (Teaching Assistant at Yoxford and Peasenhall) I would like to thank these colleagues for their contributions and wish them the very best for their future.

I would particularly like to acknowledge the exciting and in some cases daunting move that our Year 6 pupils will be taking as they prepare for their move to high school. I wish each and every child a happy and successful onward journey.

Sincere best wishes to you all and happy holiday

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