

# The TRUE Learning Partnership Bulletin – End of Term 2021

## **Thank you and Goodbye from Interim Trust Leader, Richard Middlebrook**

I want to start by saying a huge thank you to you all for all of your hard work over what has been a very difficult year, I will soon be handing over to your newly appointed CEO, Peter Cox.

Peter will take up the role of CEO in September 2021. He brings with him a wealth of experience, particularly in terms of school improvement which will benefit all of the schools within TTLP and I am sure he will be a huge asset to our Trust.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with TTLP, working with some of the most dedicated and talented professionals you will find in the sector.

I am certain that the Trust will soon be the premier Multi Academy Trust it aspires to be.

## **Welcome to Peter Cox, CEO**

As we start the new academic year, we have the pleasure of welcoming Peter to the Trust.



Peter has led a very successful education advisory consultancy since 2011. The client list includes school improvement commissions for several national multi academy



trusts, inspection contracts with Ofsted and education advisory contracts with the Department of Education, including working directly to Sir David Carter in his National Sponsors Unit.

Peter has considerable experience as a senior leader in secondary schools. He was a serving practitioner working for Ofsted as an additional inspector and was later seconded to Ofsted full time. He then joined CfBT, Ofsted's inspection service provider in the north as Senior Managing Inspector, with special responsibility for schools causing concern in the primary and secondary phases. His particular expertise is in school improvement, quality of education and leadership and management.

Peter has been an Associate Vice Principal of an outstanding multi academy trust in the North East of England working across their two secondary

academies, three primaries and a studio school as well as Interim Executive Principal and CEO of an 11-18 academy in the West Midlands. Peter currently holds a number of Trustee positions on multi academy trust boards.

Commenting on the new role Peter said "I am delighted to be taking up this exciting opportunity and to be working with committed professionals who have at the heart of everything they do, the very best interests of their students."

## **Heather Taylor, Farwell**

We send our best wishes to Heather Taylor who is retiring after 17 years of great service to Disley Primary School and Community. Throughout her



Headship, Heather has led the school from strength to strength, the children at Disley have flourished under her skilled and caring tutelage. The fact that Disley is such a successful and caring school today has an awful lot to do with Heather's leadership. We wish her much happiness and success in her retirement.



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## Condition Improvement Fund

As a Trust we are delighted to announce that we have been successful in securing a significant amount of funding (£2.7 million) to assist with the improvement of our buildings and improvement works will start over the summer.

This is a huge achievement for the Trust, this substantial amount of funding has only been possible due to the partnership of our multi academy trust. The success of our bids for funding is down to the great work of the TTLP estates team and especially, Jenny Sykes. The young people who attend and staff who work across our schools, will see a huge improvement to their environment once the work is completed. This really is great news for us all.

## Message from the Chair of the Trust Board, Karen Tomlinson



This has been an unprecedented school year and on behalf of the TRUE Learning Partnership Trust Board, I would like to express our gratitude to each and every one of you for working hard to keep everyone in our communities safe and well. We send our thoughts and prayers to all those adversely effected by Covid-19.

We would also like to thank Richard Middlebrook, our interim CEO for stepping in from January in deepening the partnership and helping to guide the Trust Board, supporting the Headteachers in



our schools and ensuring that the education, progress, and welfare of every pupil is at the forefront of all that we do. His knowledge and expertise have been instrumental working between our new schools Glossopdale and Hague Bar with their key partners Poynton, Lostock Hall and Disley. We wish Richard all the very best in the future and thank Alsager Multi Academy Trust for sharing the services of such a talented Trust Leader.

We are delighted to welcome Peter Cox as our permanent, full-time Trust Leader from September. His appointment is underpinned by our core mission of improving and sustaining the delivery of the highest quality teaching and learning in our schools. Peter has the skills and expertise to ensure that our pupils and staff thrive from belonging within The TRUE Learning Partnership, and he has the ability to guide our schools on the journey to truly outstanding. Peter will be spending a significant amount of his time in schools, he is approachable and supportive, and we are certain that he will become a familiar face with all of you.

We wish everyone a wonderful summer break, for those children attending one of our

summer schools, we hope it is a fun filled experience and we look forward to welcoming you all in September, ready for the new school year.

Finally, a very warm welcome to all those new to the area. The True Learning Partnership as a community trust continues our work to support all area schools during this period of growth and beyond.

Mrs. Karen M. Tomlinson  
Chair, Board of Trustees



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