

The TRUE Learning Partnership Bulletin - Spring Term 2021

Happy New Year from our new Trust Leader

Happy New Year to you all and what a start it has been! I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your Trust Leader until a permanent successor to David Waugh is found. My name is Richard Middlebrook and from January to the end of August I am both honoured and delighted to be fulfilling the role of Trust Leader for The True Learning Partnership. I am currently also the Chief Executive Officer and Executive Headteacher for Alsager Multi Academy Trust. This consists of one secondary school and two primary schools in the south of Cheshire, based around the town of Alsager. I am a secondary specialist and have worked across schools in the north west of England for 30 years. As a National Leader of Education, much of my work in recent years has been around 'system leadership', working across institutions and networks to support them as best I can in terms of change management, developing staff and improving outcomes for young people.

I am in continual contact with the Headteacher's at each school within TTLP and am



doing all I can to support and help them during this very challenging time for us all.

I am also in regular contact with the Trust Board and Chair, to ensure that TTLP continues to be a high performing and supportive organisation which works for the benefit of all the young people and staff across our schools.

The warm welcome I have received from everyone at TTLP has been tremendous and I have been hugely impressed by the professionalism, dedication and caring nature of everyone involved with the Trust.

I feel very excited by this role and for the months ahead.

The recruitment for a permanent Trust Leader will happen over the coming months and they will take up post at the start of the new

academic year.



Welcome to our New Schools

On behalf of The True Learning Partnership, I am delighted to welcome our two new schools who joined us towards the end of last term; Glossopdale High School and Hague Bar Primary School.



We are all committed to providing the following for all our young people, parents / carers, staff and governors.

- Support
- Protect
- Anticipate
- Challenge
- Empower

We are really looking forward to working with, learning from and supporting our two new partners. These really are exciting times for TTLP and I am delighted to be involved in this crucial time of the Trust's development. All of our family of schools; Poynton High School, Lostock



Hall Primary School, Disley
Primary School, Glossopdale
High School and Hague Bar
Primary School share the agreed
principles of our Trust.



The Impact of Covid on our Schools

These have certainly been testing and difficult times for everyone but especially those of us who work in education or who have school aged children.

Through my work and speaking with your Headteachers, I know that all of our schools responded brilliantly to the sudden announcement of school closures.

The staff have shown real professionalism by embracing this new way of remote working so brilliantly, while at the same time supporting our young people who are deemed vulnerable or who are children of key workers and therefore in our schools.

I feel it is important to point out that schools are not in fact closed, we are very much open and our staff are supporting

children face to face on a daily basis.

Similarly, our young people across TTLP have shown real resilience and maturity in the way in which they have responded to working remotely and the feedback I have received from parents / carers about our school's responses have been so positive.

Can I please remind all students and parents / carers that if you need any support during this difficult time please contact your school, the staff are there to help you in any way they can.

I think the most important thing we can all do as adults for our young people is to role model as best we can. They need to see us leading by example in terms of following government Covid guidelines, remaining positive as best we can and reassuring our youngsters that all will be well.

Thank You to Jill Ingram

Finally, I would like to pay tribute to our outgoing Chief Financial Officer Mrs Jill Ingram who will be leaving us later this term. Jill has been instrumental in setting up The True Learning Partnership and establishing it as the high performing organisation that it is today. On behalf of everyone at TTLP, I would like to thank Jill for her years of work and wish her well for the future. The recruitment and appointment of a new Chief Financial Officer will begin in the coming weeks.

I look forward to working with you and for you over the coming months.

Best wishes

Richard Middlebrook

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