

**Each issue, we will focus on a member of the trust team, giving you the chance to get to know them a bit better. This issue, the spotlight is on CEO of The Education Alliance, Jonny Uttley.**

Jonny is a Mancunian and a passionate Manchester United fan who is renowned for his love of sport, particularly, but not limited to football, golf and cricket. Jonny enjoys running and he is a regular competitor in the Great North Run and local 10k races. Jonny loves music of all genres but his favourites of all time are bands such as REM and The Killers.

Jonny studied A Level English literature, history, German and went on to graduate from the university of East Anglia with a degree in American History and Politics. During his time at university he visited the USA as part of his course; this involved him attending Georgetown University for a year where he worked with Senator Carl Levin from Michigan and during this time Jonny also supported Bill Clinton with his election campaign and even went running with the man himself!. This is what sparked his love of politics. During the American elections, he has been known to pull an all-nighter in front of the television and keeps the rest of the team informed. Before joining South Hunsley, Jonny held positions as Teacher of History and Politics and has even taught German – Ja, das is richtig!

Jonny joined South Hunsley as Deputy Head for Curriculum in 2011 from Huntington School in York where he was Assistant Headteacher and Director of Sixth Form. He spent some time shadowing Karen Dow the incumbent Deputy before her retirement in July 2012. In late 2012, the Hunsley Trust was formed and as Chris Abbott became CEO and began spending more time across the trust, Jonny was appointed as Head of School at South Hunsley. As Head of School, Jonny carried on teaching his A Level Politics classes until 2016 when he reluctantly hung up his Out of Class Pass after becoming Executive Principal. Jonny led the team at South Hunsley to its best sets of results in 2016 and 2017.

When Chris Abbott announced her intention to retire in 2018, the Board of Trustees put Jonny through a rigorous selection process to appoint him as CEO from Easter 2018.



Since joining the organisation 2011, Jonny has been involved in five visits by Ofsted and is currently preparing for a further two, one for Yorkshire Wolds Teacher Training and one for Driffield School and Sixth Form and is working closely with the leadership teams in all trust schools to ensure that standards are maintained and improved to ensure that our learners are given the best possible life chances.

During his time as Executive Principal and CEO, Jonny has developed a successful curriculum led, financial planning tool and has re-modelled monitoring and evaluation to ensure it is fit for purpose across the trust. Jonny was designated as an NLE and since then, he has led a number of sessions for the DfE on topics such as curriculum led financial planning and often presents alongside Jennifer Jewitt, Director of Finance. As part of his NLE work, Jonny provides school improvement support to local schools in both the primary and secondary sector.

Jonny relishes his role as CEO and the daily challenges it brings in the current economic climate. He and the team are currently writing a Trust Development Plan which will capture the vision and trajectory of the trust into 2022 and beyond and along with members of the Trust team, he has some exciting ideas to share with you all on the trust training day which involve the workload charter and also avoiding the replication of effort across our schools.



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- "Being a headteacher was to the being pushed to death by later"
- "And being a teacher to the being pushed to death by even more later"
- "If I call calling down on you from above, I'll coming up at you from below. It's like having a shower and a haircut at the same time"
- "The Sprawl of the Incredible"

# TRUST TRAINING DAY

Our annual trust training day will be held at Malet Lambert School on Friday 5 April 2019 and this year we will be joined by colleagues from Hunsley Primary School, North Cave Primary School and the Snaith School who we are expecting to join the Trust earlier that week.

Jonny and the team have been working extremely hard on updating the vision and values of the trust following a fairly rapid period of growth and internal re-modelling and Jonny will be sharing that on the day. We are extending the invite to join us for the trust training day to all members of associate staff should they wish to attend.

We understand that this may be difficult for some colleagues due to childcare and other domestic responsibilities and we will be making arrangements in each school to ensure that all key messages for the day are delivered in the weeks following the Easter break for any staff who are unable to attend.

Further information regarding the format of the day which will include arrangements for departmental collaboration along with travel information will be sent out by each school over the coming weeks.

# ICT ACROSS THE TRUST

We are delighted to announce that Matt Wadsworth has been appointed as Trust IT Manager and will oversee the ICT provision in South Hunsley, Hunsley Primary and Driffield School.

Matt will be looking at how systems can interface across the trust to address the replication of effort across all of our schools and make working lives better. He will be supported by Andrew Moorhouse, based at Driffield School.

