

We hope you all had a lovely break over the Christmas period and would like to welcome everyone back to what is an incredibly short term. We would like to share some updates with you from across the trust.

Head of School at South Hunsley School and Sixth Form College

We announced in September that as part of our succession plan, Jonny Uttley, currently Executive Principal for South Hunsley School, had been appointed to the position of Designate CEO of The Education Alliance, to commence in April, with Chris Abbott becoming Executive Lead of the Trust.

We advertised the post of Head of School for South Hunsley and have now completed the recruitment and selection process. We are delighted to tell you that Richard Williman has been appointed to the post.

Richard is an experienced Headteacher who has led Withernsea High School for the last 6 years. Richard has a strong track record in school improvement and his excellent leadership was recognised when he was designated as a Local Leader of Education.

Richard will start at South Hunsley after Easter and will work closely with Jonny Uttley and the school and trust leadership teams to ensure that all students in the school and Sixth Form College thrive at South Hunsley, achieve the best possible results and go on to enjoy happy and successful futures.



Richard Williman

Head of School at Driffield School and Sixth Form

Following an extensive monitoring and a review of Driffield School by the trust, the Local Governing Body and an external School Improvement Partner, Di Pickering has now left her post as Head of School. The school is currently being led by the Senior Leadership team alongside Chris Abbott and Jonny Uttley and we are pleased to confirm that we have recruited a new Head who will commence after the Easter holidays. Scott Ratheram is currently the Headteacher at Cottingham High School and Director of Academy Improvement within his trust. Under Scott's leadership, Cottingham High School moved from Requires Improvement to Good. Prior to this, Scott was Headteacher of Headlands School, leading the school out of special measures. Scott has a strong track record of school improvement and his vision for Driffield School is transformational.



Scott Ratheram

Trust Growth

The work continues on the conversion process for Cavendish Primary School and we will communicate when we have any further updates.

A number of local schools have approached us to discuss joining the trust. We are delighted that The Snaith School have now indicated that The Education Alliance is their preferred Multi Academy Trust and we will be undertaking some initial due diligence work before the school and the trust make their final decisions. We will update you as this process continues.

Joint Trust Training Day

The next Joint Trust Training day will take place on Friday 23 March 2018 at Malet Lambert School. We are currently compiling the programme for the day and this will be released in due course. As previously, we will be providing a free shuttle bus from trust schools to Malet Lambert and back. Further details on these will be circulated along with how to reserve your seat. We really encourage you to use the free shuttle bus as you will be unable to claim travel expenses if you opt to use your own car instead.

We will send further information out in due course and look forward to seeing you at the joint training day.



Trust Training

General Data Protection Regulation

Some of you may have seen or heard lots of information about GDPR. What is it, you ask? On 25 May 2018, the UK's current data protection legislation – the Data Protection Act 1998, will be replaced by the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The GDPR imposes significant additional obligations on the way organisations are able to lawfully obtain, hold and handle personal data. With this in mind, the Trust is currently reviewing our policies and procedures with Alex Dick, Business Manager based at Malet Lambert School who will become the Data Protection Officer and will be leading working parties in all schools to review the practices which we have in place across the trust and ensure that we comply with the updated regulation.



Apprenticeship Champion of the Year 2017

Trust Successes

Congratulations to Sarah Barley Director of Careers and Employability for the trust who has won Apprenticeship Champion of the Year at the National Apprenticeship Awards.

Sarah was named as the winner of the Santander sponsored award at an exclusive ceremony at London's Grosvenor House on Thursday 18 January 2018. The award is in recognition of the Employer Led Programme, which Mrs Barley originally developed at South Hunsley School in 2015 and has more rolled out at Malet Lambert and Driffield School. It is also in recognition of the outstanding contribution of the team Sarah works with.

CEO Chris Abbott was awarded an OBE in the New Year Honours list for services to education. Chris firmly believes that this is an honour for the whole team and when recently spoken to by the local media she responded with:

"I am delighted that the Education Alliance has been recognised with this honour. I am very lucky to have such hard-working and dedicated people around me. This award is a reflection of the hard work of staff in all our schools and the fantastic efforts and achievements of our students"

Yorkshire Wolds Teacher Training

It has been great to see the progress the Yorkshire Wolds trainees have made as they have settled into their main placements. Our first "Yorkshire Wolds Trainee Teachmeet" was a great way to close the autumn term. Trainees have been experiencing diverse educational establishments this term with visits to Kingsmill School Driffield who support students with very complex needs and a coastal school to look at the unique challenges faced by these institutions. We are currently recruiting trainee teachers for our 2018-19 programme.