

# News from across the Trust

Following on from the trust training day, we have updated the trust logo to reflect our family of schools and the way in which we work collaboratively; this will be used on all documentation going forward. The trust website has also been revamped and this will continue to be updated as we work through the new Trust Development Plan.

# **Trust Headquarters**

Following the departure of Hunsley Primary School from their temporary building in the old youth club, the building has now been refurbished and will be the new base for Yorkshire Wolds Teacher Training and members of the trust team. Thank you to South Hunsley School for allowing us to use their facilities for the past 2 years, it really was like playing room tetris at times!



### The Snaith School

We are pleased to confirm that The Snaith School officially joined the trust on 1 April and we are really looking forward to working with staff and students. The school is situated in the village of Snaith which lies 6 miles to the west of Goole. It is an 11-16 school, rated "Good" by Ofsted in 2018. Currently, there are 990 students on roll and the school is heavily over-subscribed. The school is led by Michaela Blackledge who joined as Headteacher in 2017. Michaela is very hands on and teaches English to Year 8 students which she thoroughly enjoys. Michaela said: "This is not a decision that the governors or myself rushed into. We have spent a considerable amount of time researching different Multi Academy Trusts and exploring the possible benefits of choosing to join one. The Education Alliance stood out because it has a proven track record and its guiding principles are totally aligned with those of The Snaith School. We are very excited to finally become an official member of the trust as we have been fortunate to work in partnership for some time now".

#### **Eve Wood**

The spotlight in this edition is on Eve Wood, Trust Catering Manager. Eve studied catering at college after leaving school at 16, following this, she ran a Guest House in Pembrokeshire for two years before travelling around Europe, getting married and moving to the United Arab Emirates for 13 years. Eve and her family returned to the UK due to her husband's job with BAE and were advised to look at houses near South Hunsley School and they bought a house just a stone's throw away in 1994. Eve joined us in 1995 as a pot washer and she did this for two years until she was promoted to Assistant Cook in 1997 where she was in charge of the desserts. Eve was promoted to Cook in 2003 and was based in the Riding kitchen before becoming Catering Manager in 2012. Eve has been instrumental in the development of really high quality menus, she has overseen a period of significant change which took South Hunsley School from 3 large kitchens to 1 main kitchen with smaller serving stations whilst the site was remodelled to create the Kingston science block and the Humber technology block. Eve has worked closely with Driffield School and Hunsley Primary to develop their school lunch offering and is supporting Malet Lambert and The Snaith School as they move forward. Eve loves her trust role and relishes talking to a number of different people in varying roles across the trust and takes real pride in providing great food for our young people and staff.



## **Mental Health Support**

As part of his presentation on training day, Jonny gave a brief overview on the work the trust has been undertaking on a project to support mental health in our schools. The trust hosts a public sector framework for a national company Pagabo. The framework allows businesses to tender for work for public sector companies, ranging from professional services to building works. Government guidelines require that each framework is hosted by a public sector organisation such at The Education Alliance, in return for this, between 1-4% of the contract value is awarded to us. This money has been ring-fenced for a specific project and we will be committing £150,000 per year to supporting mental health in our schools for the next 4 years. We are currently working with MIND and CAMHS to shape the provision and a working party which includes representatives from each school is working closely with the two organisations. We are very excited about this project and we will be sharing more details later this term when we have a final model.

We have also had our 'Time to Change' pledge approved and Jonny will be publicly signing the pledge at Malet Lambert on Monday 20 May.

By joining the 'Time to Change' movement we commit to supporting staff with their mental health and aim to help change the way people think and act about mental health at work. 9/10 people with a mental illness report experiences of stigma and discrimination, and we want to help change that. You can find out more about the movement at:

www.time-to-change.org.uk



#### **Tour De Yorkshire**

Last week, two of our trust schools were lucky enough to have the race fly past their school gates. The Snaith School took all 900 students and staff out to cheer on the cyclists. Four hundred and fifty South Hunsley students lined East Dale Road and both schools were featured by the BBC in their footage. Hunsley Primary School were also part of the celebrations and made yellow and blue flags which were then displayed around the local area.





# **Chartered College Membership**

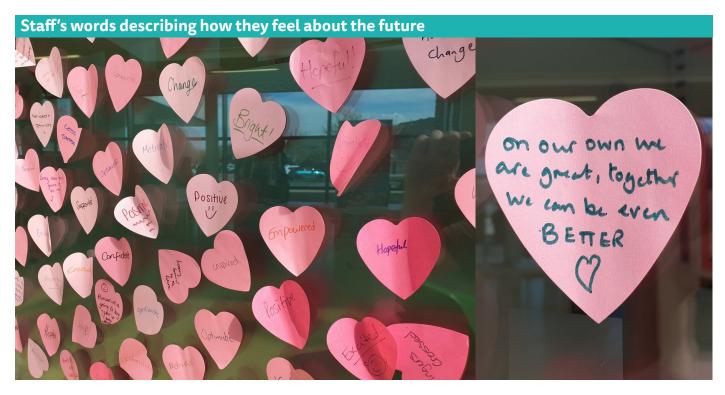
For the second year running, we will be offering a free subscription to the Chartered College for all teaching staff. If you would like to renew your subscription or join for the first time, please email stacie.reffin@theeducationalliance.org.uk with either "renew" or "join" in the subject field.

# **Trust Supply Pool**

Last term we welcomed a group of teaching professionals to the Trust, working in specialist supply roles in our schools. The Trust supply pool offers teaching professionals flexible, subject based teaching opportunities within the Trust. It's a great way to get to know schools, staff and students on a flexible supply basis. If you know anyone who is working as a supply teacher or considering supply teaching information on recruitment and pay scales are available on the Trust website or speak to your HR team

# **Trust Training Day**

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the Trust training day before Easter half term, I think you will all agree it was a great day for both teaching and associate staff from all the schools within the trust to get together, and share ideas. You can read more about Jonny's thoughts on the day here: Thank You.







Thank you for all your hard work over the last few months, we wish you a great summer term.