

CEO Briefing Note for Schools and Governors: November 2016

Multi-Academy Trusts in the spotlight

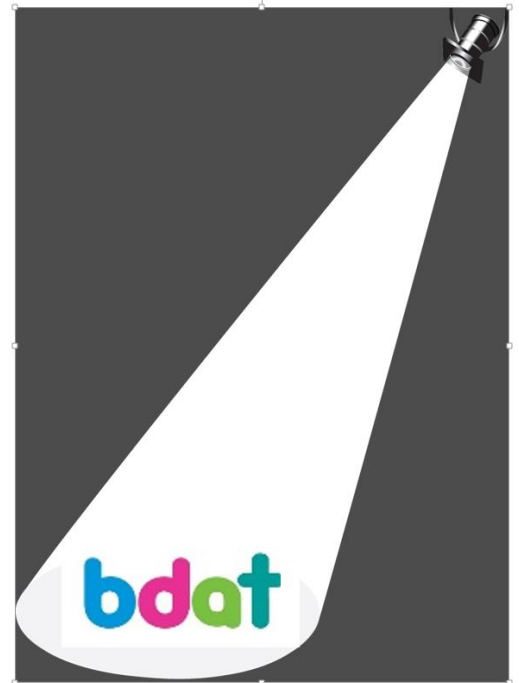
As most colleagues will be aware for much of 2016 the Department for Education through the Office of the National Schools Commissioner have been indicating the move to MAT Audits to test the effectiveness and robustness of multi-academy Trusts.

This move is hardly unexpected when you consider the amount of scrutiny placed on individual schools. The intention is that these checks will be *“integral to enabling trusts to grow strategically and with confidence”*.

The first pilot “health checks” took place over the summer with a further 30-40 scheduled to take place before Christmas with full roll out next year.

In preparation BDAT have commissioned our own MAT audit through the Church of England National Society in November.

We are also meeting our Regional Schools Commissioner, Vicky Beer, in December to discuss our growth strategy, school improvement effectiveness and operational robustness. More information will be available later in the year.



Good exam results across the Board 2016

We also saw some real positives in terms of data this summer (although final validated scores are still pending).



In the **secondary sector:**

Immanuel has hit 70% A*-C inc English and Maths which is their best ever results for combined attainment

Belle Vue Girls are up 5% to 53% - their best results in a number of years and continuing a three year upward trend.

Buttershaw are up 2% to 47% which is their second best score ever and they saw increases in 90% of subjects.

Some great results all round....

Our primary schools also saw increases, particularly in progress data. BDAT hit 14 out of 15 progress standards this summer meaning all five BDAT primary schools are above floor this year except St Oswald's who missed out narrowly on Reading progress.

The news was accompanied by the unwelcome confirmation that the attainment floor will stay at 65% meaning two-thirds of primaries are now classed as below floor in attainment putting the emphasis largely on progress.

Across the Trust we are also able to note that improvement in foundation stage, year 1 phonics and key stage 1 attainment and progress measures are stronger than in the later key stage, demonstrating the impact the Trust is having on those children who have had their full education within BDAT. Our average results across the earlier stages in primary is tracking at, or above national standards.

Christ Church secures an OFSTED 'Good' in every category

And talking of spotlights, we are delighted to confirm that following a recent full OFSTED inspection, Christ Church Academy secured a 'Good' OFSTED judgement. Congratulations to Philippa and her team at school, the local governing and Ann and Craig who all put in lots of hard work to secure this well deserved result. <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/ELS/139201>



Celebrations all round at Christ Church Academy

Jane Tiller secures National Leader of Education Status

The Head and staff at Immanuel College have been recognised for their role in supporting schools in challenging circumstances this month. Jane Tiller has been appointed a National Leader of Education (NLE) in the latest recruitment round and Immanuel College has been designated a national support school. Jane will be the third NLE employed by BDAT alongside Craig Lee and Jayne Clarke in the primary sector. Well done Jane and the team at Immanuel.

New appointment news!

We secured some key leadership appointments at the end of the last half term.

- **Chris Tolson** will join us in January 2017 as Head of School at St James working with **Jayne Clarke** who started as Executive Principal within BDAT on November 1st. **Gemma Elliot** will still continue to support St James as interim Head Teacher until the school converts in January.
- **St Philips** appointed **Anne Proctor** as Deputy Head starting from January and Westminster Academy appointed **Elizabeth Pawson** to Assistant Principal with responsibility for SEN and Inclusion.
- And many thanks to **Wendy Adeniji** who has been supporting **Bradford Forster Academy** as interim Head of School since September. We hope to advertise and appoint a substantive Head of School to BFA before Christmas. Thanks also to Mary Copeland and Jane Tiller for their continued support at BFA.

New Sixth form College in Bradford free school secured

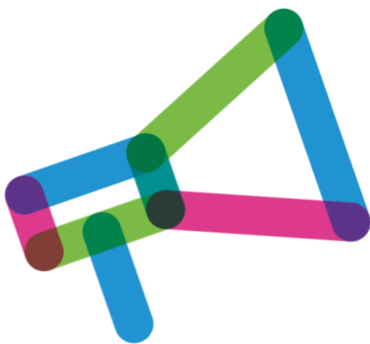
In September the DfE announced that the New Collaborative Learning Trust's bid to open a new 16-19 free school in Bradford has been approved. New College Bradford expects to open its doors to 500 young people in September 2019. It is expected to grow to its full capacity of 1200 three years after opening. BDAT will be a strategic partner of the NCLT working closely on the vision, ethos and provision of new College Bradford. Look out for more information very soon about how you can get involved.



Start of a Bradford Aire Valley Learning Community Cluster?

Finally we are really pleased to confirm that both **East Morton Primary school and Trinity All Saints in Bingley** have taken governing body resolutions to join BDAT in the 12 months.

We look forward to welcoming them in to the Trust.



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