

BDAT Briefing Note for Schools and Governors: February 2018

Welcome back staff and colleagues to Spring 2. Following a slightly shorter first half term is a shorter newsletter which we hope you will nonetheless still find useful...

Bradford Opportunity Area plan launched

"Bradford is a great city and its children and young people deserve high quality education, opportunities and support." This is how Anne-Marie Canning, Independent Chair of Bradford Opportunity Area Partnership Board, introduced the Bradford Opportunity Area Plan which was published on 19th January 2018.

The plan, which is the culmination of a number of conversations held with stakeholders in Bradford over the last six months, sets four overarching priorities to improving social mobility in Bradford.

- Priority 1 – Strengthening school leadership and the quality of teaching
- Priority 2 – Improving literacy in Bradford's primary schools, particularly for disadvantaged pupils
- Priority 3 – Improving access to rewarding careers
- Priority 4 – Using evidence and research to remove barriers to learning



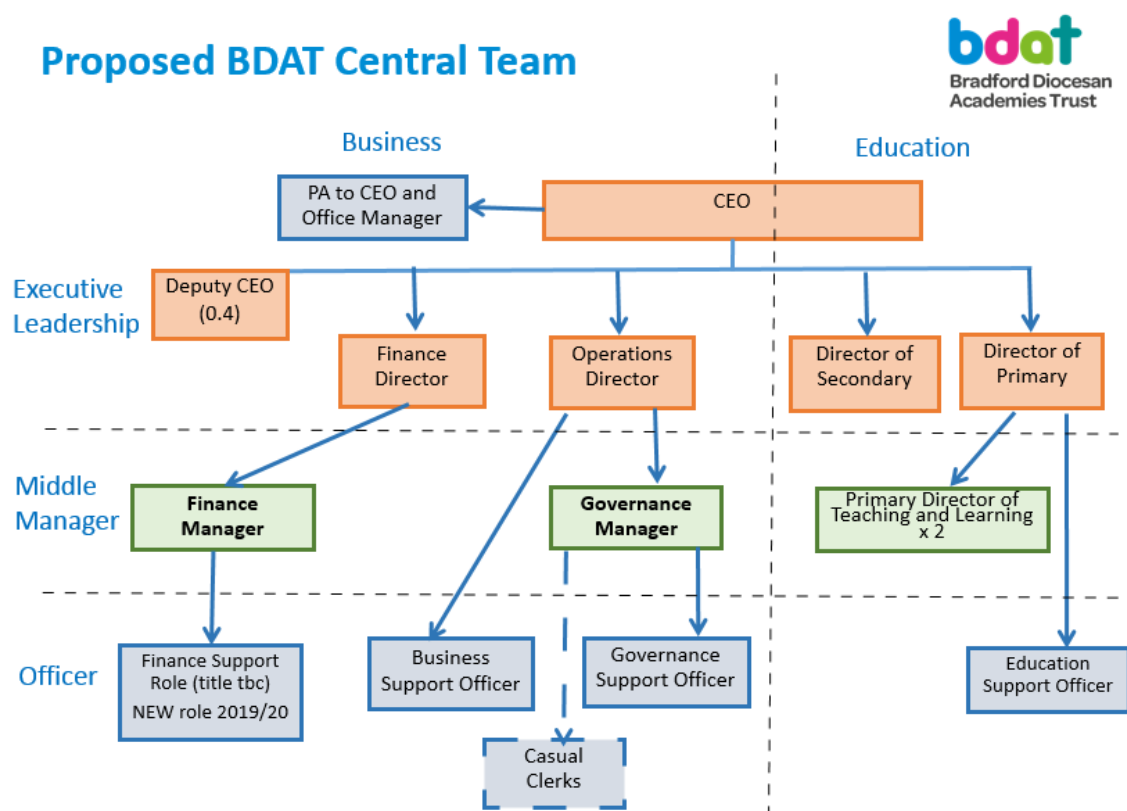
Central to the plan is the principle that this is a plan for Bradford and will be a plan led by Bradford, engaging young people, teachers, school leaders and employers and using local providers where possible to improve social mobility in our City. To find out more visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/social-mobility-and-opportunity-areas>, click [here](#) or follow @BradfordOppArea.

Following the latest positive OFSTED before Christmas, **St Oswald's** found themselves facing another inspection this month when the **SIAMS** (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspectors visited. Following a full day inspection the school received a satisfactory judgement overall (the highest available for a school in OFSTED category) with a good for leadership and management. Well done to all involved.



Who is in the Trust central team?

Proposed BDAT Central Team



Following a number of requests please find above a diagram showing the MAT central team structure. You can find more information on who does what on the BDAT website and staff background. <http://www.bdat-academies.org/about-us/trust-staff/> There is also more information and links to who is on the Trust Board <http://www.bdat-academies.org/about-us/our-board/>

We expect two new staff to join the team over the coming weeks. **Olivia Kelly** will join us from April as a Primary Director of Teaching and Learning while **Barbara Blackham** will join as PA to the CEO and Office Manager from 19th March. A huge thank you to Jane Gray for her support covering the PA role in recent months. We are also pleased to confirm that **Helen Griffin** has confirmed she will stay on as Director of Secondary until summer 2019.

Movers and Shakers

Mary Copeland, Headteacher of Belle Vue Girls, has tendered her resignation and will retire this summer. Thank you to Mary for all her support for the development of the BDAT secondary cluster over the last 18 months and for leading BVG through another good OFSTED last autumn.

Ruth Hartley was appointed as Head of School at Buttershaw just before half term. A huge thank you to **Richard Humphreys** who supported the school through the interim Head of School period and for driving some of the good improvements of the last two terms.



Work for Bradford and work for BDAT

Lots of work has taken place over the last two terms to highlight Bradford as a destination city for teachers and establish BDAT as an employer of choice. At Trust level we now have our [employer pledge](#), competitive [employee benefits package](#) and we will soon be launching our BDAT LLE scheme and annual career conversations.

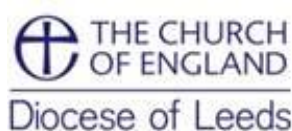
Meanwhile across Bradford, the innovative [Bradford for Teaching](#) programme continues to roll out strongly with one inspiring video clip from a Belle Vue Girls maths colleague scoring over 28,000 unique views to date.

For colleagues in primary watch out for the launch of the Bradford for Teaching primary content from 22nd February to a twitter feed near you.... [@BradfordTeach](#)

<http://www.bradfordteaching.org/>

Christ Church gets national Quality Mark Award for nurture provision

Christ Church Academy has been given a prestigious award in recognition of its work to help children gain confidence and develop self-respect. The Marjorie Boxall Quality Mark Award by national charity the Nurture Group Network, is awarded to schools which show they go above and beyond to support pupils' social and emotional needs. Christ Church Academy head teacher Philippa Foster said: *"We are delighted that the dedication and hard work of our staff, pupils and families has been recognised. We are a nurturing school and are very proud of the excellent provision we are able to offer."*



Finally don't forget to sign up for the Diocese of Leeds *"Schools Transforming Lives, Transforming Communities"* school leaders conference taking place on Friday 16th March in Leeds.

With guest speakers including Lat Blacklock, Revd Stephen Conway and Professor Mark Pike this will be an excellent opportunity to learn, reflect and network with colleagues. Email Kevin at info.ed@leeds.anglican.org to find out more and to book your place.

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