

## **BDAT Briefing Note for Schools and Governors: September 2018**

Welcome back to the 2018-19 academic year. We hope you had a peaceful and relaxing break. To get you started here is a round up to the end of last years news and some dates to look forward to this term..... Happy reading.

### **Damian Hinds sets high-level principles for how the accountability system for educational performance will operate**

Back on May 4<sup>th</sup>, the Department for Education (DfE) published a short statement setting out how the education accountability system will be changing to provide school leaders with greater clarity and transparency on:

- when they will and will not be subject to action as a result of results
- the consequences of the accountability system
- the roles of different organisations in the system.



The brief (3-page) statement itself was released without much coverage and does include some interesting headlines making it well worth a read: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/principles-for-a-clear-and-simple-school-accountability-system>

The key headline buried within the main report was the promise that there is to be another change to the accountability measures known as floor standards, which will trigger support, with the briefing stating: *"We will not have both floor and coasting standards as this can be confusing - we will replace this with a single, transparent data standard"*. The nature of support is also going to be a more differentiated model with a clear line that forced academisation will only be triggered by an OFSTED inadequate judgment. The statement also commits that that DfE will also identify support for other underperforming schools and that this support will come from either a MAT, an accredited system leader such as a teaching school, or a school improvement provider using evidence-based programmes. A further consultation is promised in the Autumn on the detail behind the statement ... watch this space.

**Staff and students at St Oswald's Primary Academy in Great Horton, Bradford finished this academic year on a high following a positive OFSTED visit which judged the Academy to be a good school in every category. Read more:**

<http://www.bdat-academies.org/good-news-ofsted-st-oswalds-primary-school/>



## School spending on pupils cut by 8%, says IFS but academies face increased pressure to publish three-year balanced budgets

The amount of per pupil spending in England's schools has fallen by 8% since 2010, says an analysis by the Institute for Fiscal Studies: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/topics/c342531ypy4t/school-funding> The study says rising pupil numbers - and cuts to local authorities and sixth form funding - have seen a real-term reduction in school spending. This comes on top of the news published by ASCL in May who found that of their members surveyed:



- 56% said their school was running with an in-year deficit in the current financial year, and 60% said they will be in deficit in the next financial year.
- More than nine in 10 (92%) said they will have to make cost savings over the next 12 months, with 40% saying this will amount to more than £100,000.

Source: <https://www.ascl.org.uk/news-and-views/news-news-detail.impact-of-school-funding-crisis-is-set-to-deepen.html>

BDAT is pleased to confirm that in line with the new reporting requirement from the Education Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) for Academies, BDAT central MAT and all of our schools have submitted three year balanced budgets. Thank you to all of our staff – in particular the finance team and school business managers – for helping us meet this deadline and for your ongoing hard work.

## Great News – Bradford for Teaching recruitment campaign secures further funding.

If you have yet to check out Bradford for Teaching don't forget to visit their website <https://www.bradfordteaching.org/> now or check out their twitter. <https://twitter.com/BradfordTeach>

The innovative recruitment and profile raising campaign, which recently secured a runner-up prize in the National Education Business Awards, has secured funding through the Opportunity Area for another year ☺



## Officially Outstanding!

Hot on the heels of their “GOOD” OFSTED judgement in March this year, Bradford Forster Academy has secured the highest possible SIAMS accolade after being acknowledged as ‘Outstanding’ against the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist School (SIAMS) framework.

<http://www.bdat-academies.org/bradford-forster-academy-officially-outstanding/>



## BDAT News

### A very warm welcome to Woodlands C of E Primary and Cullingworth Village Primary schools



BDAT are delighted to welcome Woodlands Church of England Primary School and Cullingworth Village Primary School into BDAT. The two primary schools which joined the Trust in August and September respectively bring the Trust to 15 schools and c. 9000 pupils. We are delighted to welcome the staff and students of both schools – many of whom we worked closely with throughout 2017-18.

**Welcome to team BDAT. #wearebdat.**

**And speaking of joining BDAT.... We are pleased to announce that following requests from our schools, we have a new logo for all of our schools who are part of the BDAT family to use....**

A member of the  
**bdot**  
family

### **BDAT joins forces with local Bradford partners to take part in two exciting bids**

Birth to 19 confirmed the success of their £1m bid for the **EYFS SSIF** bid in July. This means there will be funding available to support work in EYFS related to Fifty Things; the Easy Peasy App; NELI (The Nuffield Early Language Initiative) and a St Edmund's approach towards supporting children with multiple barriers to language development. This is good news for the following current / intending BDAT family: Wycliffe, Shipley, Oxenhope, Westminster and St James in what will be a 5-term project from September 2018.

We were also successful in a collaborative bid for £90k Opportunity Area funding to develop school to school Leadership and Mentoring support. This bid was a Star Academies and Institute (formerly Tauheedul) and Bradford Birth to 19 TSA (with BDAT, Beckfoot and Dixons Research School listed as strategic partners). Representatives of the Trust will deliver leadership mentoring in 2018-19 for new and aspiring Heads in the City.



## BDAT Business

### **Scheme of Delegation refreshed for 2018-19**

In line with the requirements of our funding agreement we have updated our Scheme of Delegation for 2018-19. The main changes cover GDPR, the role and responsibility of the Executive Principal and how to deal with emergency closures. To view the latest version visit:

<http://bdat-academies.org.gridhosted.co.uk/bdat-business/our-articles/>

### **NEW BDAT Governor training brochure 2018-19**

Don't forget to check out the governor training available for 2018-19. Whether its school data, finance, safeguarding or risk management there really is something for everyone, follow this link: <http://www.bdat-academies.org/bdat-business/governance/>

### **Trust wide admissions consultation planned for Autumn**

Schools and Academies have to consult publically on their admissions policy every 7-years to ensure that they are compliant with the Schools Admissions Code, regardless of whether changes are proposed. As it is unclear when many of our schools last consulted, the Trust will be running a collective consultation on all our policies in the Autumn. As part of the consultation we will also be taking the opportunity to prioritise BDAT primary feeders in to secondary school admissions policies. For more information please speak to [Victoria.bray@bdat-academies.org](mailto:Victoria.bray@bdat-academies.org)



## **Movers and shakers in our schools and on the Trust Board**



- We are delighted that **Judith Kirk** has joined the BDAT Board. Judith is well known to BDAT and Bradford Schools having worked as Deputy Director for Children's Services until earlier this year when she moved to take up a similar post in North Yorkshire. Judith has also agreed to take over from Margaret Platt as Chair of the BDAT Secondary Committee.
- **Denise Poole** stepped down as a Trustee after four years in July. Denise has been a real asset and support for BDAT over her time with the Trust having been one of the original Trustees who helped set up the MAT. Denise will still stay Chair of St Philips Primary Academy. Thank you Denise for all your support.
- We have three new Head teachers and one new Deputy joining us from September.
  - **Wendy Adeniji** will step up from Head of School to Principal at Bradford Forster Academy.
  - **Steve Mulligan** steps up to Head Teacher at Belle Vue Girls' Academy following Mary Copeland's retirement in July.
  - **Denise Baxter** will join us as Head Teacher of Wycliffe Primary.
  - **Ruth Thompson** will join us as the new Deputy Head leading EYFS and KS1 at the Academy at St James.

A warm welcome to all our new staff starting at BDAT this month or beginning new roles. Good luck and we hope you enjoy your first term in your new post.

## Schools in the news

### BDAT Trustee recognised for all her work and commitment to the NHS



**Denise Sterling**, one of the BDAT Trustees, was recently nominated for an NHS Windrush 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary award. The award for clinical excellence recognises employees who have made an exceptional contribution to the NHS.

Denise says she was very surprised and honoured to be shortlisted.

As a result of Denise's nomination she was interviewed and filmed for a Look North report that was broadcast on the 21st June.

Congratulations Denise on being recognised for all your hard work and commitment. We think you do a great job supporting BDAT too!

**Well done to Oxenhope Primary school** for achieving the Silver Games mark award for their commitment, engagement and delivery of competitive school sport in 2017-18.

### St Philips pupil wins prestigious Telegraph & Argus 150th Schools News Competition

Congratulation to St Philip's CE Academy's **Sana Malik**, aged 11, who was awarded a Telegraph and Argus 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary award for her writing and reporting skills.

Sana was chosen as the victor of the age 10-13 category for her story, about a snake which was brought into school going missing.

As a result of winning the competition, Sana (pictured middle) was invited to T&A towers to spend some time with the journalist and newspaper team.



**Don't forget to submit your school stories for our next newsletter:** email [carol.dewhurst@bdat-academies.org](mailto:carol.dewhurst@bdat-academies.org)

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