

Alumnis Trust and Academy Leadership update

Friday 19th June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you and your families are keeping safe and well.

We are writing to share with you the changes to the Trust leadership structure that will take place in the Autumn term.

The Alumnis CEO role is currently being advertised nationally and it is anticipated that the successful candidate will start their new role in January 2021. We are very fortunate to have a skilled and experienced Trust leadership team, and in the interim period, members of the existing Trust leadership team will undertake the core statutory functions of the CEO role with the full support of the Board of Directors and the Trust Central Team, until the new CEO is in post.

In September, Mrs. Charlene Marston will be leaving Clawton School following her appointment to a leadership role outside of the Trust. Charlene has had the opportunity to work at Clawton School as Acting Headteacher throughout the duration of her secondment. Charlene has made a hugely positive impact both in her role at Clawton, and before that at St Helen's. She has also gained many valuable skills and experiences to enable her to further her career. We wish her every success in her new venture.

One of the benefits of being in a Multi Academy Trust is the opportunity for staff to move between schools, gaining experience of working in a variety of contexts, and for schools to work closely together, sharing good practice to develop staff and support outcomes for all children. As Charlene moves on, Mr. Damian Railston, another of our Trust leaders, will take up the role of Headteacher at Clawton School.

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Damian is an experienced Headteacher and a Specialist Leader of Education. Through the Trust leadership group, and in common with all of our Heads, Damian has worked closely with Charlene this academic year on shared projects and improving outcomes for pupils. Over the next half term, Damian and Charlene will continue to work closely together, and with the school staff, to ensure a smooth transition.

Mrs. Gail Holmes, as another skilled and experienced Trust Headteacher and Local Leader of Education, will become the Executive Headteacher of both Combe Martin and Woolacombe School. Gail knows the community of Combe Martin very well, having previously worked in the school and maintained excellent links. Being geographically aligned, Combe Martin and Woolacombe Schools will further benefit from increased opportunities for collaboration and the sharing of resources. Gail will continue to work closely with Damian and the Combe Martin team to ensure that there is a smooth transition for both schools for the Autumn term.

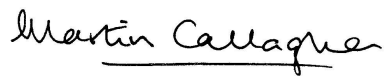
In due course, individual school leaders will be writing to you to provide further information regarding their own school's staffing arrangements for September and will be in a position to finalise these, once all outstanding recruitment processes have been undertaken.

In the meantime, we would like to take the opportunity to thank you for continuing to work with us in partnership to enable the best for your children during these uncharted times.

Yours sincerely,



Zoe Batten  
*Chief Executive Officer*  
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