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CEO Communications

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new year, I hope that you all had a lovely break with your families. Christmas concerts across the academies were a joy to see and I would like to thank you for supporting at fund raising events. Before giving you a brief update on our Trust, I would like to tell you my exciting news!

You may have seen in the media that I was nominated in the King's New Year's Honours and have been awarded an OBE for Services to Education. I cannot tell you how surprised I was when I heard this news. I am both delighted and extremely honoured to accept this award on behalf of the Trust.

I have received many kind messages, from parents/carers, pupils/students (past and present) and colleagues, congratulating me on the award and I would like to take this opportunity to offer my sincere thanks, these mean so much and are truly appreciated.

Performance Outcomes

We continue to aim high for all our learners and I am extremely proud that all the evidence and data tells us that the work we are undertaking across all phases is securing not only high academic outcomes but developing young people who articulate their views on how they are thriving within their Academy.

- Edlington Victoria Academy placed 5th and Carr Lodge Academy placed 8th across all Doncaster primaries.
- Hall Cross Academy were placed 18th in the league tables for Yorkshire.

Positive Regard

Positive Regard will be providing specialist consultancy across the Trust to support and build a model of relational practice and positive behaviour within all academies. The model provides our staff with strategies to repair relationships, build trust and decrease the signs of stress in children and young people. This increases pupils'/students' focus and engagement in teaching and learning and their opportunities to achieve in all aspects of their lives.



Academy Improvements

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all parents and carers for their support and understanding whilst the capital works have been undertaken at Sandringham Primary School, Sheep Dip Lane Academy, Hill Top Academy, Edlington Victoria Academy, Rosedale Primary School and Willow Primary School. The works have now been completed, the environments look superb and it has been a pleasure to see the outcome on my visits to the academies.

Works will be continuing this term to install a new boiler system at Rosedale Primary School and improve fire compartmentalisation at Hall Cross Academy Upper School. As we move through the Spring Term we will begin to plan our programme of works for the Summer and communicate with all parents and carers in due course.

Connect the Classroom and ICT Strategy

We are in the final stages of completing the Connect the Classroom Project at both Hall Cross Academy and Sandringham Primary School. Once completed, the Trust will have upgraded the connectivity throughout the entire estate following a successful funding bid of £900,000 last academic year. By improving the connectivity, this will improve both pupil and colleague experience and enable us to invest further as we seek to innovate and drive our curriculum forward.

Finally, I would like to once again take this opportunity to thank parents, carers and the wider community for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

Beryce Nixon OBE
CEO and National Leader of Education

