

EMPOWERING THROUGH EDUCATION

Imagine a future where every person is celebrated and valued for their unique qualities. That is the vision of our Trust: building a world where **everyone is seen as special.**





Sharing joyful moments

Welcome to our Summer Term Newsletter! As the days grow longer and the sun shines brighter, we are excited to celebrate the vibrant achievements and activities that have marked this term across our five remarkable schools.

This summer, our academies have been abuzz with energy and enthusiasm, from impressive academic accomplishments to inspiring community service projects and individual achievements, our children and colleagues have shown remarkable dedication and spirit in every endeavour.

In this edition, we will highlight the exceptional achievements and events of each of our schools, celebrate the talents and hard work of our pupils, and share the joyful moments that have brought our community together. Whether it's the outstanding academic achievements of our pupils at Ambleside, alternative sporting opportunities at Unity, creating lifelong memories at Woodlands, pupils challenging themselves with wider cultural capital experiences at Denewood, or the community initiatives at Westbury, there is much to be proud of.

We are immensely proud of each member of our multi-academy trust for their contributions and enthusiasm. Thank you for your continued support and engagement.

Woodlands on Tour

Poland

One of the highlights of our year at Woodlands was a trip to Poland, which provided a unique cultural and historical perspective that greatly enriched our curriculum. The pupils were deeply moved by the experience, and it has fostered a greater understanding and appreciation of global history and cultures.

Blackwell Adventure

During the summer term, there was a residential visit to Blackwell Adventure, where our children had the opportunity to immerse themselves in new environments and overcome exciting challenges. The feedback from both pupils and adults was overwhelmingly positive, and we look forward to planning more enriching experiences like this in the future.

Life Skills

Throughout the year our pupils also embarked on numerous offsite visits focusing on further developing life skills and preparation for the future.

These visits included numerous bike rides, exploring the local community, and careers visits

Pupils from the yellow pathway also went swimming for the first time and some walked to the local community centre to help plant some flowers



Nottingham Contemporary

Woodlands Academy and Westbury Academy have been working with Nottingham Contemporary as part of a schools' partnership arts project.

Pupils at Woodlands Academy took part in 'Action Art' this term with support from two artists, pupils' developed their knowledge and application of colour through paint and chalk exploration in the car park, leaving their mark for their local community to see!





Congratulations!

Congratulations to all our year 6 pupils for the wonderful results they achieved in their statutory assessment at Ambleside. These results are a demonstration of what can be achieved through dedication, determination and commitment. We are proud of the high-quality and inclusive education our children experience at Ambleside and these results demonstrate what can be achieved when a school embraces a whole community.

Once again, our younger children, performed outstandingly well in phonics and EYFS, achieving beyond the national pass mark.

Thank you to our children, families and colleagues, who have worked tirelessly throughout the academic year.



Pantastic!

Families were treated to a fabulous end-of-term performance of 'Pantastic' by the Year 6 pupils. There was singing, comedy, and much drama – which really had the audience entertained.

The solo performances were quite spectacular, so we really hope that these budding stars continue to develop their acting skills at Secondary school.

ABRSM

For the first time, Ambleside pupils took Royal Schools of Music examinations in flute and clarinet. This involves playing solo to the examiner, reading musical notation, and showing competence in instrumentation.

The results are still coming in – so far, five of the eight pupils have passed – two of which are with Merit! This is a great achievement, and we are really proud of our children.



More than just a night away!

During the penultimate week of the summer term, our pupils at Denewood embarked on an unforgettable residential trip to Caythorpe PGL. Providing unique opportunities to develop essential life skills in a dynamic and supportive environment. The array of activities, from high ropes to canoeing, challenged pupils physically and mentally, fostering resilience, self-confidence, and perseverance.

The visit created lasting positive memories, building a sense of achievement and joy.

Attendance Superstar

We are pleased to report significant improvements in attendance this term. At times, attendance rates at Denewood onsite surpassed the national average.

Attendance matters at Denewood and we aim to make everyday count for every pupil, Dylan (pictured) has made an incredible 64% improvement in his attendance since he has been with the academy. Amazing Dylan!

The academy and the Trust Attendance and Welfare Team are committed with helping our children and families overcome attendance-related barriers and will continue to build upon these successes next academic year.



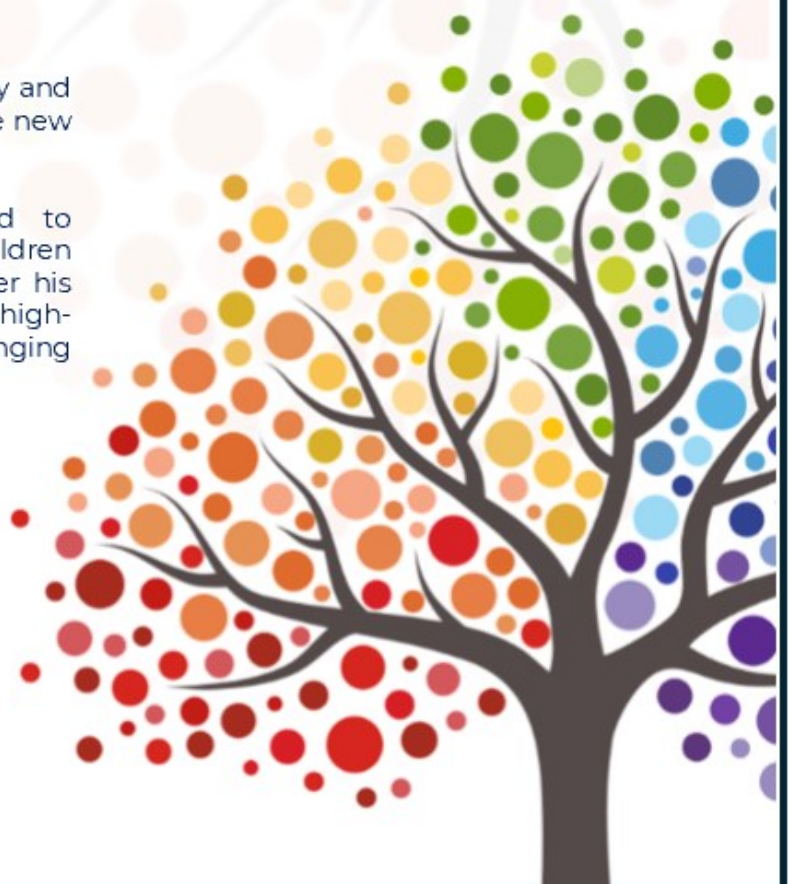
Welcoming a new Head of School

During the summer term, the academy and the trust welcomed Mark Clifford as the new Head of School for Denewood.

Mark is passionate and committed to making a difference in the lives of children and their families, and we know under his leadership our pupils will experience high-quality inclusive education and life-changing opportunities



New starts

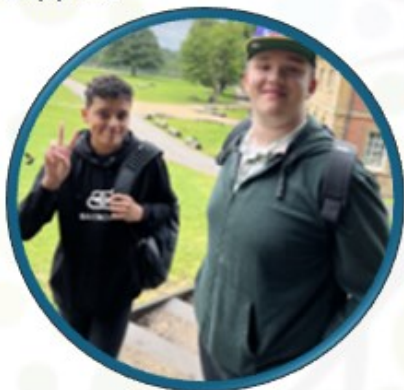


Westbury Goes Green

Westbury Academy hosted another successful Westbury Goes Green fundraiser in the summer term.

Pupils from Years 3 to 10 made products to sell at the market highlighting the importance of protecting our environment by recycling and reusing products and materials.

The event was well attended by families and the local community and raised lots of money. Thank you for your support.



Work Experience

Two of our Year 10 pupils, Jayden and Henry took part in a one-week work experience at Nottingham Contemporary Art Gallery.

We are incredibly proud of how well Jayden and Henry represented the academy and the trust.

Allotment Education

Our Year 10 Prince's Trust group helped install a Herb Garden in the summer term. This latest addition will contribute to an already wide range of produce.

This year the academy has produced over one hundred homegrown produce, including; tomatoes, plants, lettuce, potatoes and broccoli.

Stonebridge City Farm

Throughout the year, the academy has developed a strong partnership with Stonebridge City Farm. This partnership has allowed year 11 pupils to develop skills and experiences, as well as make a positive contribution to the wider community, a contribution that is/will mean so much to so many people and is a demonstration of what our children can achieve.

Our young people received glowing endorsements from colleagues from the farm - *"they were hard-working and very pleasant young men."*



Year 6 achievements & celebrations

This year our year 6 pupils all sat their end of KS2 SATs, a fantastic achievement.

To celebrate, the pupils went on a residential to Walesby. The children were able to participate in a number of activities, including; archery, an assault course, raft building, smore making and much more.



New experiences

To celebrate an Olympic year, Unity Academy and alternative provision partners held the first AP Summer Olympics event, hosted at Berry Hill Park.

Crisp Vocational Provision kindly organised the event, with over fifty pupils participating from across the AP and SEN networks.

For some pupils, it was the first time they had participated in an athletics competition and for many their first experience of events such as the High Jump and Triple Jump.

We discovered some very talented athletes on the day as they all competed for bronze, silver and gold medals!

Westbury Academy collected the most medals, and therefore were crowned the overall winners!

Personal Development Spotlight

Personal Development opportunities across the AP Network has been a focus for the academy this summer term.

The SEND Project in Sneinton organised a number of events for pupils including a provision election, allotment sessions and a virtual work experience.



Work experience

Some Year 11 pupils successfully completed the HMRC project. Over the academic year, pupils have been learning about the roles within HMRC and gaining experience of a workplace.

Pupils engaged in four sessions with the HMRC staff at the Unity Square HQ in Nottingham. Pupils have experienced a professional work environment and have been gaining valuable employability skills!



Alternative Provision Partnership





The Big Conversation

On 5th July, we hosted The Big Conversation, our annual trust conference. This year's theme was 'curiosity', where colleagues had the opportunity to explore new learning and experiences, developing their curiosity and desire to know more.

Opportunities to be curious included:

- Humour as love language – how to use humour and empathy to build connections
- Glass half-empty – harnessing negative thinking
- An introduction to speech and language therapy
- Menopause – what to expect when expecting the menopause
- Creating trauma-informed and psychologically safe schools
- Thrive Awareness
- An introduction to Makaton – breaking down communication barriers
- Exploring platonic solids
- AI in action – empowering your workday
- Being restorative in education
- Immersive VR training for professionals
- What we can learn from EYFS practice

This year's event was even more special, as our children and their families had the opportunity to contribute, with our 'Say Thank You Awards'.



Say Thank You Awards

Our children and families were asked to nominate the adults they wanted to say a special 'thank you' to. The three nomination categories were:

- The person who makes me a successful learner
- The person who makes me smile
- The person who believes in me

What made it even more special was, the children attended The Big Conversation to award the winners in person.



Winners:

- Demar Hines
- Charlotte Timson
- Amalia Filiantris



Winners:

- Damien Camm
- Maya Tafsir
- Chris Reaney



Winners:

- Justine Blasdale
- Tracy Ryan
- Di Farmer



Winners:

- Mish Bojko
- Agatha Chimbete
- Kirsty Stansfield





Alternative Provision

SPECIALIST TASKFORCE

Since April 2023, Raleigh Education Trust's Alternative Provision Specialist Taskforce (APST) has supported over 149 children and families through our tier 3 approach.

The team's dedicated work has seen a reduction in referrals to external services by approx. 30%.



Attendance

SPECIALIST TASKFORCE

Since January, the Attendance Taskforce has supported over 90 pupils and families from mainstream educational settings across the city. The primary goal for the team is to break down attendance-related barriers to enable children to access education daily.

77% of pupils receiving support have made improvements in their school attendance. Well done team!



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EDUCATION TRUST

Attendance and Welfare Team

The Trust Attendance and Welfare Team has worked tirelessly over the academic year, frequently using creative methods to overcome barriers.

In collaboration with the schools, the team launched targeted incentive schemes during the summer term to encourage, recognise, and celebrate the efforts of children and their families. These incentives included funded family outings and voucher programmes.

Thanks to the team's relationship-building skills and their persistent attitude, there have been numerous successes in improving pupil attendance over the academic year.

Thank you, team!

Advanced Behaviour Change Practitioner

Martin has supported many children across the trust over this academic year. During the summer term, Martin had a significant impact with supporting pupils to reintegrate back into mainstream education.

Allotment Education

Colleagues from Allotment Education, continue to help transform our school's outdoor environments and provide horticultural learning experiences for our children.

Multi-disciplinary Teamwork



Employee Benefit Update

At The Big Conversation 2024, the trust launched its Professional Development central offer for 24/25.

We are committed to the ongoing development of our employees; as our children deserve the best version of ourselves.

Look out for the 'Professional Development' Small Talk events that will take place over the autumn term.



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