



Cathedral Schools Trust Newsletter March 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

The term following Christmas is short and, as a result, one of the busiest in the school calendar. It has been wonderful to see how well children, students and staff are working together across the Trust and I wanted to share some highlights with you as well as providing some updates about the progress of Cathedral Schools Trust (CST).



I know that many of you joined us in the Cathedral for an inspiring concert earlier this month. It was wonderful to hear music from all the Trust schools but to hear them all singing together in the finale with children as young as Year 2 on stage with those from years 7-13 was truly incredible. So many of you have spoken to me about what a terrific evening it was and I am very grateful to music staff across all the schools and of course to Mr Bailey for work across the Trust. Victoria Park children have benefitted this term from the new plastic trumpets and trombones which are being used well and many children at Headley Park have had taster sessions

trying out a range of different instruments. Older children from Bristol Cathedral Choir School visited Year 4 this term to help inspire the younger children to take up music lessons. I also know that many of our pupils are looking forward to visiting the Colston Hall to hear the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra perform on 12th April.

Preparations are underway for our first ever Trust Sports Day to be held at Headley Park Primary School in June. The primary school children will be supported by sixth form students during the activities and we are all looking forward to seeing everyone participate. All primary schools now have sixth form volunteers who visit each school every week, mentoring and supporting younger children with their learning.

Over recent weeks the Trust has interviewed for a Head of Primary Phase. I am delighted to announce that Mr Lacey, Headteacher at Victoria Park Primary School, has been appointed and will take up the post in September. We are currently working with two other primary schools who may join the Trust in the autumn and, as we grow, it will be important to generate capacity for school improvement across the range of schools.



You may have already heard that CST have been approved to open a new secondary school in September 2019 to be called CST Trinity Academy. The school will be located in Lockleaze on land adjoining Stoke Park Primary School. The design and consultation process is underway and we will be inviting applications for year 7 pupils during the autumn admissions round and in time for September 2019 opening. It is likely that the school will initially open in temporary accommodation before the main building is ready. The school will have space for 180 children in each year group and will also have a sixth form. We hope to launch a community consultation on this during the early part of next term. Further information is available at www.trinityacademybristol.org and on @CST_Trinity or www.facebook.com/CSTTrinityAcademy.

I know that students in years 6, 11 and 13 will be working particularly hard to prepare for public examinations in May and June. We wish them every success.

Thank you for your ongoing support and best wishes for a restful and enjoyable Easter Break.

Neil Blundell
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