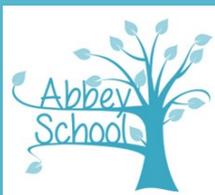


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I'm delighted to open this latest CEO briefing by informing you that **Crags Community School** has been granted permission by the Department for Education to join Nexus MAT. The school and the Trust are now undertaking due diligence to ensure that there are no surprises during the conversion process (or afterwards) for both parties, though we have spent a lot of time over the past 6 months working together and I'm really excited about what Crags will bring to our family of schools and vice versa. As part of the conversion process, **David McNaught** will leave his role as Headteacher at Crags and **join the Nexus MAT team** on secondment (initially) to strengthen our school improvement resource and work with other mainstream primaries to explore further growth and development.

It's impossible to go from one briefing to the next without there being more and more successes to share, and this month is no different. I was so pleased to find out that **Lauren Hopkins** of **Kelford School** has been chosen as the winner of the RNN (Rotherham College) **Training Apprenticeship Award 2018!** For her hard work at Kelford School, **Jessica France** has also been added to the RNN Training website as a case study of best practice! It's great to see our apprentices blazing a path for their peers, and it's also wonderful to have schools with the support in place to enable our apprentices to thrive!

Abbey School hit the headlines again this term by getting a **special commendation** at the annual **Youth Sport Trust Awards 2018**. This is more external validation of the excellent work we do at Nexus with **Jill Newbolt** (Assistant Head at Abbey and all-round entertainer) and colleagues continuing to help push the boundaries for our children and young people to engage in sport activity!

On Saturday 10th March 2018 David Burdett and I were invited to attend the **South Yorkshire District Association Camping & Caravan Club** annual general meeting where we were presented with a cheque for **Hilltop School** for **£1,900!** The C&C Club raise funds annually for a chosen charity and—thanks to our amazing parent governor **Adele Alderson**—Hilltop were nominated to be the lucky recipient this year. It was a lovely occasion, meeting such caring and kind people. We're so grateful for their support.



I've run out of word space already this month, so I'll finish by wishing you all a happy and healthy Easter—we're almost there, after all!



Warren Carratt

Learning together; to be the best we can be