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Well folks, British Summer Time has officially arrived and we've had some beautiful weather these past few weeks, just in time for the looming Royal Wedding. As ever, lots and lots has happened across our academies and I don't have enough space to jam it all in—but I'll try!

I'm really pleased to start this briefing by sharing the news that we have secured yet more Condition Improvement Funding for our academies. We've secured **£219,448** for roof improvements at Kelford and **£304,192** for a new heating system at Hilltop. We were unsuccessful in a bid of **£256,683** to improve Little Common Lane leading into Abbey school, though we are in the process of appealing this decision and I am confident we will secure that essential funding too. Even if we don't, that's a staggering **£1.4m** we secured in the past 18 months to improve our academy sites, which is money we wouldn't have been eligible for had we not created the MAT.

I had a fantastic visit to Pennine View on 26th April, where class 11 had saved me a plate of homemade quiche, scones, mini eclairs and angel delight! It was all very delicious and I was so grateful they'd done that for me. I was also really impressed (and a bit scared) that they know I'm doing the 5:2 diet and had asked Sarah "can Warren eat today?". Now that's what I call personalisation(!)...

I was really grateful to bear witness to the beauty that is the Nexus MAT sports day, when I popped into the English Institute of Sport on 1st May. It was amazing to see so many of our children, staff and families enjoying competitive sporting activity. Having a full-house of our academies present was also quite an emotional sight to see, as Pennine View joined in the fun for the first time. I can take none of the credit for arranging things, as the event was wholly school-led. I did feel very proud and inspired to see almost all of the Nexus MAT community together under one roof, though!

Speaking of inspiring, I was blown away by the Kelford sixth form fashion show on 17th May: I say "fashion show": it was actually more like an immersive, expressive arts bonanza delivered through the medium of a catwalk, with all our sixth-form young people included in the event. It. Was. Amazing. Huge thanks to the whole staff team for their hard work and especially Lisa Atkin for her efforts to publicise the event (and getting Calendar there)! As I said to the huge crowd of attendees when closing the evening, all of our young people looked and acted like young adults. There's a bitter sweetness to that, as it's a stark reminder that they'll be leaving us soon. Thankfully, they'll move onto the next phase of their lives being the very best they can be, and that's a huge testament to the hard work of Kelford school, our young people and their families.

Have a great half term everyone!

Learning together; to be the best we can be



Warren Carratt