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Here we are in late June in the midst of a heat wave with the England football team lifting our spirits and raising our excitement levels: we know, though, that we'll get rain soon and the football bubble will burst next week or the week after, so thank heavens we have such positivity across our MAT to keep us all cheery as we end this academic year—and look to the next one—with a flourish.



We held our second Leadership Summit of the year on 21st June, where I was able to talk about our collective achievements as a MAT and our school Headteachers showcased the successes in all our academies this year. It was wonderful to see so many senior leaders, governors and Directors there talking to one another and sharing stories and ideas. I'm always left feeling a swell of pride when I hear (and see) how our children and young people continue to be happy learners who make huge achievements. It was also great to welcome new friends to our gathering and give them the chance to see our school leaders in a natural (celebratory) state!



We have some great capital works in progress across the Trust which will make a big difference to the quality of the offer for families: we've finalised the heads of term for the lease of the old Cherry Tree House building to allow Kelford to develop new learning space; we've been granted permission from the Regional Schools Commissioner to build new classroom space on the Abbey site; from next year, Hilltop will have a brand new library which will enrich the experience of all children and young people at the school; and Pennine View will have an improved entrance way and internal security to ensure our children are even safer (though that's about making what's already good even better—I can assure you that no-one is unsafe right now!). We're now looking forward to Craggs joining the family from September, too!



Our development of the new special schools in Doncaster and Sheffield has started to get off the ground and we held our first project board meetings on Monday 25th June with colleagues from central Government and local authority. I'm really pleased to share the news that Emma Heyes has been offered the role of Project Manager for our free schools and will be joining us in August. This is a key appointment in our pre-opening work programme and one that will bring new capacity and industry to our MAT.



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I'd also like to congratulate Viki Drew on being appointed the permanent Deputy Headteacher at Kelford School. Viki went up against a high caliber of candidates following a national recruitment campaign and brings some fantastic skills and qualities to our Kelford leadership team. Well done, Viki!



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Whether it's performing Shakespeare; national sports week; S-Factor; or shared careers events: there's loads happening across all our schools between now and when I write my last briefing of the year in July. Here's to an amazing 4 weeks ahead!



Warren Carratt

Learning together; to be the best we can be