

# CEO Briefing

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Here we are at the midway point of summer term 1 (blimey!). Since my last briefing, Becton School has published its Ofsted inspection report, and I'm delighted to share with you that the school received a "Good" judgement overall, with outstanding practice recognised by inspectors for Personal Development. This inspection outcome reflected the self-evaluation of the school, which reinforces our collective confidence in leaders' honesty, knowledge and understanding of Becton. A huge "**congratulations & well done**" to James Gibson and the whole team.

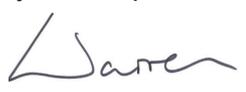
Our Trust continues to grow, and in April we received approval from the Department for Education to welcome Beech Academy into our Trust, which will be coming over in the autumn - alongside Harlow - from the Evolve Trust. Beech is a special school in Mansfield for secondary aged pupils with a diagnosis of autism and moderate learning difficulties. The school is led by Neil Davies and has places for 100 pupils. We've been working with Beech over the last few months and I'm both delighted and excited that they will be joining our family of schools, as there's a genuine resonance of values and ethos. **Welcome to the Nexus family, Beech!**

One of our founding schools, Hilltop, will be bidding farewell to David Burdett at the end of this school year, as he will be stepping down as Headteacher in August after 7 years in the role. David has done a fantastic job as Headteacher, moving the school forward to ensure it remains Good, whilst overseeing the growth of the school in the face of huge demand from local authorities for special school places. David is one of the most humble and child-centred people I know, and he will be sorely missed by our school and Trust community.

Rob Mulvey will be taking over as Headteacher in September, re-joining the school he left in 2018 when he was Deputy Head at Hilltop. We're all really pleased to welcome Rob back to our Trust family, and he will be both a new and familiar presence in school leadership. Rob is working with the central Trust team over the summer term, so you will likely see him out and about in our schools over the coming weeks.

We have successfully completed our pre-opening Ofsted inspection at Discovery, as we gear up to open our new school in September. Our new Head of School, Danny Ross, is working with Executive Headteacher Luci Windle to make sure we're ready to open the school on time and as successfully as possible. It's taken us 5 years to reach this point, and we can't wait to see the site finished and welcome our pupils in September.

Finally, it is with much sadness that I share the news of a pupil death at Coppice School. Decon Rawling-Eastwood sadly passed away, unexpectedly, on 7 April 2022, a day before his 10th Birthday. The school community has come together to grieve this loss and celebrate Decon's life, and our thoughts and prayers continue to go out to his family.

  
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