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As I write this penultimate briefing of the school year, it's on the back of the England men's cricket team doing the nation proud with a 5 wicket victory over New Zealand in a scintillating test match at Trent Bridge, whilst on the same day the England men's football team succumbed to their biggest home defeat since 1928! Whilst I'll miss a football World Cup this summer, maybe it's better that we have 5 more months to try and re-find our form...



I hope everyone managed to have a restful time over the Spring Bank holiday and that those of you who partook in the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations did so whilst the sun shone.



Our pre-opening work at Discovery Academy is reaching its final stages now, with the last few posts in the process of being appointed to, before we open in September to 60 amazing children and young people. Our work to welcome Beech Academy and Fountaindale School into Nexus is also industriously underway, as we aim to bring them into our Trust for September too.



We are preparing for some further leadership changes across our schools in the autumn. Firstly, from 1 September Natalie Swearman will be returning to her role as Deputy Headteacher at Coppice, which means Karl O'Reilly will return to school full time as Headteacher. This mean Karl's tenure as Executive Head at Bader Academy will finish at the end of this term.



Bader is our first new school to open, and Karl has played (and continues to play) a pivotal role in designing the school ethos and curriculum. I am incredibly grateful for Karl's hard work and vision in establishing Bader within our Trust, and he leaves a strong, enduring legacy as the school continues to grow and develop under the leadership of Viki Drew, who will become Headteacher from September.



I'd like to welcome Kirsty Lamb to the Nexus family, who joined Bader Academy as our new Deputy Head last week. Kirsty joins us from the independent sector, and brings a wealth of leadership experience! I'd also like to congratulate Matt Hallam on being appointed as our new Deputy Headteacher at Becton School. Matt has been with us for a while now, and is a very welcome addition to our Deputy Head tier.



I don't think there has been a briefing this year where I haven't had to share the sad news of a pupil death, and in the past few weeks we've lost two more beautiful children at Hilltop. James Mylett, a year 2 pupil, sadly died on 12 May. James had a number of health complications which meant he was a very vulnerable little boy. In the same class, Stanley Andrews also passed away on 8 June, due to respiratory complications. Both pupils will be so very missed by the Hilltop School community, and our thoughts and prayers are with their families at this unimaginably difficult time.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at the wide ranging end-of-term events across our schools over the next few weeks.


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