

Thank You

As we approach the end of the summer term, I wish to thank all those that have supported and contributed to our work this year. I hope you will enjoy reading our end of year review, which highlights some of the many activities that have taken place across our schools over the last twelve months.

In total, over 4,000 enhanced learning opportunities have been organised and led by SAET for our children and young people, including whole year group events and small group workshops, ranging from special guest visitors and conferences to targeted opportunities to develop subject specific skills such as art, music, science, debating, geometry and critical thinking. These events have been in addition to vast number of trips, events and learning opportunities that take place within all of our schools each and every week and help us to reflect upon what we have achieved collectively to fulfil our Pledge to all our young people.

Thank you to all our staff and governors within our Trust for your commitment in ensuring that our young people have a rich and diverse curriculum that goes beyond the classroom. We know that students' academic progress is vital to secure their next steps in life, but the importance of wider experiences is also pivotal to help them develop the skills and broader knowledge that will allow them to thrive.

The end of any academic year is always a time for celebrating what's been achieved by our students in the past but also, after a well-earned rest, some moments to look forward to the future and next steps in their education. On behalf of our Trust thank you to all our parents, carers and supporters for what you have done and continue to do to ensure that all our young people can be the very best they can be.

It's impossible to capture everything but please do enjoy reflecting on just some of the activities and experience in this month's newsletter that you have been part of making happen, supporting or taking part in this year. Have an enjoyable and safe break and we look forward to seeing everyone back in the autumn.

Chris King
Chief Executive



Our Pledge

All children and young people within our Trust will experience an extensive range of enhanced curricular and extra-curricular activities designed to prepare them as confident, independent individuals. Each young person will be equipped to make a significant contribution to their school and local community and empowered to become the best that they can be, maintaining a sense of ambition, aspiration and well-being to live a happy and fulfilling life.

Pledge 1

To provide a safe, respectful learning environment where all students feel safe, secure and valued, and able to seek support and guidance at any stage of their schooling.

Pledge 2

To provide high quality teaching and learning alongside the most appropriate provision, which ensures all young people leave school with the qualifications, skills and attributes to thrive socially, emotionally and economically throughout their lives.

Pledge 3

To provide an array of personal development opportunities to nurture a wide range of individual and social skills which enhance self-esteem, confidence, open-mindedness, resilience and self-motivation whilst growing leadership potential.

Pledge 4

To provide the challenge, support and education to ensure all children and young people fulfil their potential, maintain their individuality through having a voice that is heard and have respect for themselves, others and our community.

Pledge 5

To promote an active and healthy lifestyle to help students achieve physical, social, intellectual and emotional well-being.

Pledge 6

To prepare students for the future including providing independent, expert careers education, information, advice, guidance and work related activities to develop employability skills, aspiration and positive attitudes to lifelong learning.

Opportunities For All

All children and young people within our Trust will experience a wide range of opportunities to inspire, challenge and instil a love of learning whilst developing lifelong transferable skills, values and qualities.

- Attend a cultural, academic or national sporting event
- Attend a variety of after-school activities on a regular basis
- Develop enterprise and entrepreneurial skills
- Represent the school in a sporting, cultural or academic event
- Take part in at least two outward bound residential programmes
- Take part in a school production or event either on stage, behind the scenes, or in an administrative capacity
- Be actively involved in an international experience
- Be actively involved in a community experience as a volunteer

- Participate in a fundraising event
- Take responsibility for something or someone as a leader
- Undertake at least one work experience placement
- Visit a university
- Visit the nation's capital and explore its rich history
- Spend time in other SAET schools
- Visit a variety of local amenities within the communities in which we live
- Visit a variety of local attractions to explore our history, heritage and environment
- Take part in outdoor learning experiences in the natural environment and woodland





At the start of the new academic year, we were delighted to welcome Wolverley Sebright Primary Academy to our Trust. We also celebrated the GCSE and A-Level exam results.

Thank you to everyone who supported Macmillan Cancer Research in events throughout all schools across the Trust raising an amazing amount of money for this important charity.

All students in Year 4 had a day of exploration at Hartlebury Common. This enabled our pupils to value this Site of Special Scientific Interest with 20 Learning Ambassadors from SHS involved with the day alongside a large number of community volunteers.

Over 800 students across our Trust were inspired by a French theatre visit to help celebrate European Week of Languages at Baxter College and SHS on 26 and 27 September. Mr Divry was excellent in providing language development for all students in Years 6 & 7. 100 senior students from Baxter College and Stourport High School acted as Learning Ambassadors and also engaged with Mr Divry to develop their French language conversational skills.



10|October



October saw our annual event collectively as a Trust with our second conference. This was held at SHS and involved guest speakers: Jonny Mitchell and Gary Staddon. The day was split into primary and secondary, with our Trust Improvement Leaders taking a lead. We are looking forward to our upcoming conference in October.

Harvest Festival celebrations were enjoyed by all schools. It was a jam-packed affair with schools raising money for the occasion. Some schools had fayres where competitions and stalls were organised. The donations went to several causes: local foodbanks, churches in association with the schools and those in need locally.

Wednesday 16 October was World Food Day and to highlight the importance of this, St Bartholomew's welcomed parents in for tea and cake and SHS invited parents in for afternoon tea. Both schools received a really good turn-out and it was a good way of raising awareness.

Stourport Primary Academy held a Grandparents' Day as part of their annual celebrations. October also saw the making of the St Bartholomew's Three Kings.





November was a very busy month and as a Trust we marked the centenary of the First World War with pride. All our schools demonstrated their respect and impeccable behaviour during services and assemblies marking 100 years. Schools across the Trust took part in a poetry competition to mark this prolific event and Year 13 students were involved in the difficult task of judging the entries.

Children in Years 4 and 5 from St Bartholomew's worked extremely hard constructing three new Kings; Balthasar, Melchior and Gaspar for the candle-lit parade which took place part on Friday 23 November. These new designs were based on the imaginative ideas of the pupils and were carried by them during the Christmas parade. They were joined by other students from Burlish Park, St Wulstans, Astley Primary Schools and Stourport High School in the festive procession.

On Thursday 8 November, 20 students from Wolverley Sebright Primary Academy and Stourport Primary Academy took part in a 'Count me in maths day' at Jaguar Land Rover's i54 Engine Manufacturing Innovation Centre in Wolverhampton. It involved a tour of the factory and a series of activities which helped to develop their maths skills.

Over the half-term break, staff travelled to Iceland with 41 students from Baxter College. Students visited a geothermal swimming pool, the new LAVA Centre, had homemade ice cream courtesy of the local dairy farm, visited waterfalls, black sand beaches and enjoyed shopping in Reykjavik.

We also saw the return of our Crafty Chippies, from Stourport Primary, who spent a day at Bell Heath Outdoor Elements, building a new seating area and fire pit, which has been enjoyed by all Year 6 pupils within the Trust.

11 | November

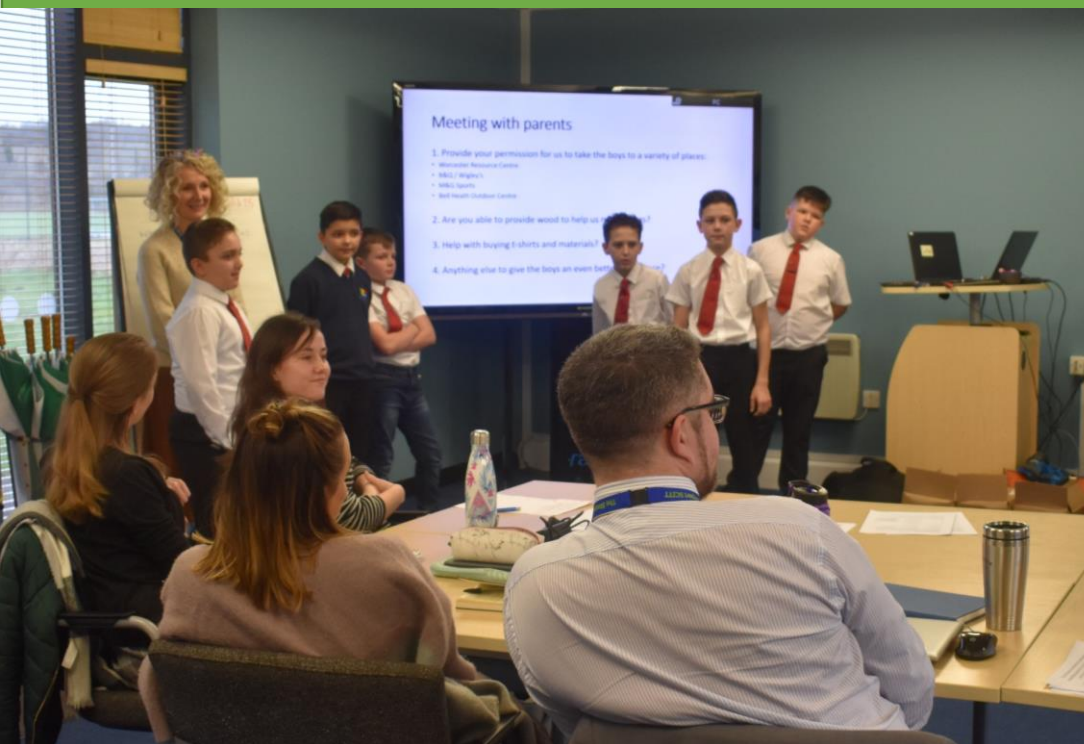


12 | December



Baxter College demonstrated some active democracy of its own by setting up its own Parliament. Student Parliament is the body through which students exercise their rights and protect their interest during their time at school. Students from Stourport Primary and Wolverley Sebright recently took part in a STEM Day at Jaguar Land Rover's engine manufacturing site in Wolverhampton. Also, Students from Wolverley Sebright Primary Academy, St Bartholomew's and Wilden All Saints visited the ThinkTank in Birmingham for a Genetics Day.

Post-16 students from Baxter College and SHS visited the University of Wolverhampton. In addition to being shown around the sports campus and meeting with student ambassadors, course leaders and lecturers, students also took part in practical strength and conditioning testing. December saw the many festive activities that went on within our schools and it was, as always, a very busy time of year. There was a visit from Santa, Christmas lunches, hampers, Christmas showcases and extravaganzas, naughty elves, fayres, donations to local foodbanks, trips to the Severn Valley and the Safari Park!

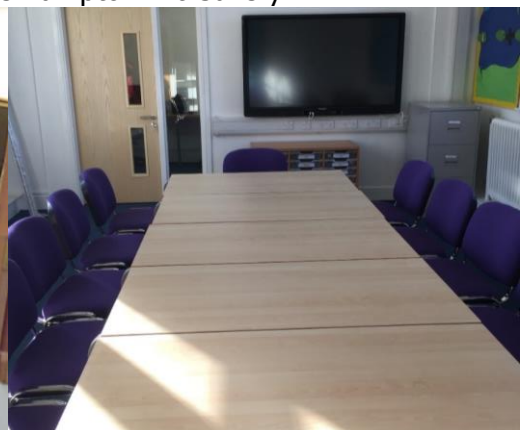


01 | January

On 18 January, our Crafty Chippies inspired our SCITT trainees by planning and delivering a 15-minute talk about their enrichment programme. The feedback from our trainees was very positive, with comments such as: 'Truly inspirational'; 'I was very impressed'; 'Well done on a fantastic presentation' and 'Wonderful to see how well you all worked as team'.

January also saw the success of Baxter College students at their annual awards evening. The event was presented by guest speaker, Scott Beaumont. There were some fantastic achievements to be noted with one student gaining 7 grade 9s and 1 grade 8, another student attaining 7-years 100% attendance and Principal Awards given to a student in each year group. At Hartlebury CE VC Primary, their 2 new classrooms, meeting and intervention rooms were completed.

Wilden All Saints held a writing workshop which was led by sci-fi writer Colin R. Parsons. It was well attended and included students from St Bartholomew's. On Wednesday 23 January, students from St Bartholomew's and Hartlebury CE VC Primary were involved in a drawing masterclass held at Wolverhampton Art Gallery.





02 | February



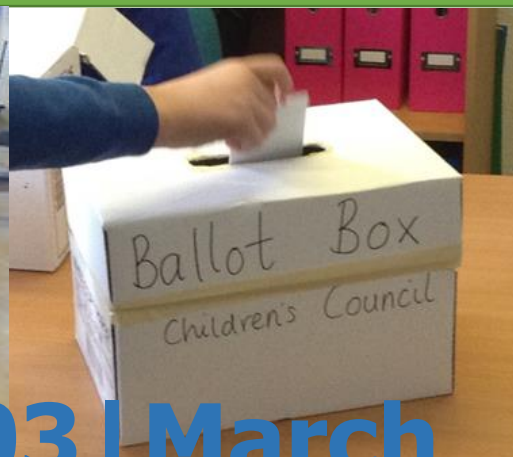
On Friday 8 February, talented Year 9 and 10 music students from Baxter College visited Hartlebury CE VC Primary and inspired everyone during an assembly followed by a question and answer session with Years 5 and 6.

On Tuesday 12 February, as part of a pilot project, Year 4 students were involved in a new 'Harmony' curriculum with a strong emphasis on developing geometry skills. Whilst clearly enjoying the lesson, students had to really concentrate and demonstrated tremendous perseverance to develop new skills.

Year 5 and 6 students from across the Trust were involved in a critical thinking workshop on Wednesday 13 February, ably supported by Year 12 student ambassadors from SHS. During the morning, students had to work closely with others from all five of our Trust primaries to discuss, agree and explain their understanding on a wide range of topics. Well done to everyone involved who demonstrated their ability to apply skills and knowledge independently, confidently and fluently.

Year 6 pupils from St Bartholomew's CE Primary, Hartlebury CE VC Primary and Stourport Primary Academy worked with Lions International, the world's largest service club organisation, to engage with their wider community and volunteer their services to improve the quality of life for many people. The students worked together to decide which organisations to support and how they plan to do this.





03 | March



70 students from all schools across the Trust gathered at St Bartholomew's CE Primary School exploring the relationship between science and faith. The day was organised by the Rector of Areley Kings, Mark Turner and was led by The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion.

Students from our five primary schools joined together to visit Tate Britain and the Houses of Parliament whilst all seven schools, took part in different debating workshops with support from the Parliament Outreach Team and the Parliament loan box of props!

March saw the election process of our Children's Council and the start of something exciting! All our primaries had an electoral vote for Year 5 students and our high schools voted for Year 8, 10 and 12 students.

Thursday 7 March was World Book Day and all our schools were heavily involved. Friday 15 March was Red Nose Day and again, all our students were heavily involved in supporting such a fantastic cause.





04|April



Baxter College's STEM club has been a great success this year and the topic here was forensic science. They were presented with a crime scene and had to use techniques such as fingerprint and fibre analysis to identify the correct suspect.

April saw local author Anthony Clive inspire boys from Baxter College, SHS, Stourport Primary Academy and St Bartholomew's. Anthony worked with the boys to develop their writing skills and ignite their imagination! All Year 4 students enjoyed bell boating along the canal. This is a great opportunity for our students to build on their communication and teamwork skills.

Students from Wolverley Sebright and Wilden All Saints enjoyed a fantastic day of space exploration at ThinkTank. Throughout the action-packed day, students worked together during a rocket building workshop which was followed by a rocket launch outside the museum!





05|
May



SATS



May saw the start of the examination season for students in all of our schools: SATs for primary and external examinations for secondary.

Over 100 students from schools across our Trust enjoyed a fantastic day at Wembley Stadium on Saturday 4 May for this year's Women's FA Cup Final. The event saw Manchester City beat West Ham 3-0 for the biggest cup in English women's football in front of an amazing 43,000 supporters.

On Wednesday 22 May, we were delighted to meet adventurer, writer and motivational speaker, Charlie Walker. The day was split into four morning and afternoon sessions plus a community event in the evening. Amongst the highlights, Charlie discussed his 4.5-year bicycle journey which covered 43,000 miles!

National Smile Month was a huge success with our youngest year groups and nursery school children. We went round to our primary schools promoting healthy teeth and how to brush and look after teeth properly.





06 | June

Well done to Wilden All Saints CE VC Primary school who were awarded an overall judgement of 'Excellent' under the new SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) schedule.

As a Trust we had our first Children's Council meeting at our Training Centre. The aim of the group is to provide a vehicle for all children and young people in all our Trust schools to have a voice and the opportunity to shape their learning experience as they move through their schooling. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday 13 September and students have been tasked with thinking about a collaborative Trust-wide learning project.

On 20 June, all Year 4 pupils from our primary schools were involved in an inspiring day of performing and creative arts at Baxter College. Throughout the day, all pupils took part in music, drama, dance and art culminating in the opportunity to perform in front of each other in the school theatre.

Students from Wilden All Saints and Wolverley Sebright visited Wolverhampton Art Gallery for an inspiring Painting Masterclass.



07 | July



It has been a fantastic year! We wish everyone in our Trust a safe and enjoyable summer and look forward to another great year together in 2019-20.



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