

Words from CEO

Cidari Connect: Welcome back

I am looking forward to welcoming you back to school next week and hope that everyone has had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday.

Cidari Connect: 'Moving Forward'

The Cidari Connect 'Moving Forward' meeting for Headteachers, Chairs and Vice Chairs of Local Governing Bodies and School Business Managers which was due to take place on 26th May has now been rescheduled for 13th July at 5.30pm. Details of the meeting will be circulated next week.

Cidari Connect: Developing 'Outstanding' teaching

Gary Lloyd, Literacy Lead at St Cuthbert's Church of England Primary School in Blackburn will join the Trust on a one year secondment from September. Gary will work at St Barnabas Primary School – A Church of England Academy for 3 days a week and will be deployed to support the development of 'Outstanding' teaching in our other academies for two days a week. We are looking forward to working with Gary to build on our existing good practice.

Cidari Connect: Academy Improvement

Sutton Trust Report – Believing in Better: Exploring the data behind the impact of deprivation on aspiration across the primary and secondary sector.

<http://www.suttontrust.com/research/>

Cidari Headteacher Book club: A book club has been established through the Headteacher Network Meeting to read and share thoughts around a nominated book with an educational, pedagogical or leadership theme. The first book reviewed was '**What makes a great middle leader?**' by Teaching Leaders. Copies were given to Headteachers and are now being shared with academy staff. A new title will be nominated by Headteachers and circulated for review in June.

Academy Educational Development Grant: Each academy has been given a £500 grant to support a piece of educational development for the coming academic year. The use and impact of the grant will be monitored by Peter and a report compiled at the end of the year. The use and impact will also be reported back to the Board of Directors and the DfE to show how the Trust is supporting educational development. Ideas for use include supporting leadership development and action research into teaching strategies and delivery.

Cidari Connect: Employee Data Updates

As you will all be aware, our Selima HR online portal has been live for several months now. This is a vitally important tool to ensure that all correspondence can be directed in a timely manner, that your pay is calculated correctly and that the Trust has the most up to date information about you. All staff will receive an email next week asking them to login and ensure all of their details are correct and up to date. Users guides will be sent out to enable all staff to complete these checks. Please support the Trust by updating your information over the coming month.

