

Words from CEO

Cidari Connect: National Schools Commissioner's (NSC) Roadshow

On Tuesday I attended Sir David Carter's (NSC) Roadshow held at Hillcrest Academy in Leeds. Sir David explained the role of the National Schools Commissioner which includes:



- Holding the Regional Schools Commissioners to account
- Oversight of the Intervention Strategy with the weakest Academy performers in the system
- Oversight of the 12 largest National Sponsor Groups
- Influencing policy making in the DfE as the NSC is in effect leading Operational Delivery
- Promoting the development of leadership and governance and MAT structure
- Connecting and creating network opportunities to bring the system closer together

Sir David Carter also highlighted the challenges that MATs must address in order to create a world class education system.

- Shift the dialogue from structures to standards **and** structures
- Focus on Progress and Attainment that equalises starting points in life
- Create Local, Regional, National and Global Citizens of the future
- Ensure that learning starts and accelerates when compulsory education ends
- Science, Technology, Languages, Humanities and the Arts underpin a knowledge based society - A really good educational system recognises **all** disciplines, not just English and Maths.

You can follow Sir David Carter on Twitter at #NSCRoadshow (@Carter6D)

Cidari Connect: New Parents meeting

On Wednesday I had the privilege of attending the New Parents meeting at Darwen St James Primary School – A Church of England Academy. Headteacher, Maggie Beck and the Head of Early Years Foundation Stage, Mrs Gonzalez welcomed new parents and carers to the school and explained how they could help their children to be 'school ready' for September. It was clear that the parents have absolute faith in Miss Beck and her team and I was able to tell parents that not only would their children receive the best possible education at St James' but that they would be nurtured, cherished and loved.

Cidari Connect: Securing Sound Governance

On Thursday Peter Ashworth, our Leader of Learning, Standards and Achievement and I were involved in Induction training for new Governors. Tasneen Adams, Year 6 teacher governor at St Luke and St Philip's and Angela Rossi, a solicitor at Farley's and a governor at St Barnabas' are a welcome addition to our Cidari family. We are grateful to all of our governors who give of their time and expertise so freely.



Cidari Connect: Governor Vacancy

We are looking to appoint a new Chair of Governors at St George's School – A Church of England Academy in Blackpool to replace Deacon Ann Wren who retires in September. Deacon Ann has given 17 years of loyal service to the school. We are extremely grateful for the contribution she has made. The advert for the new Chair of Governors can be found on the Cidari website www.cidarieducation.co.uk

Cidari Connect: HR, Marketing and Operations



Our Head of Operations, Matt Mclver is featuring in a promotional video for the Liverpool One Tickle the Ivories Festival in Liverpool. Several pianists are involved at sites across the city with Matt recording his part at Anfield in front of the Shankly Statue outside the Kop. The festival (at which Matt is also a regular performer) takes place from 1st July – 4th September with pianos located across Liverpool One for both scheduled players and buskers.

Do you have any similar experiences or hidden talents you want to share with us? If you do please send them to ruth.hopwood@cidari.co.uk

Cidari Connect - CIF Projects

Our CIF projects across the estate are now well into the final specification and tender stages. Matt Mclver will continue to have oversight and monitoring of all the projects through to their successful delivery. We look forward to the completion of these schemes and improving the environment and facilities for our school communities.