

Words from CEO

Cidari Connect: Regional Schools Commissioner (RSC)

On Thursday Peter Ashworth, Our Leader of Learning, Standards and Achievement and I met with Paul Steele and Nicola Topley from the Regional Schools Commissioners' office. Our discussions focussed on academy progress, school improvement and Trust capacity and growth. The officers were positive about the Trust's direction of travel. The Regional Schools Commissioner is keen that MATs in the region work collaboratively for the benefit of all.



Cidari Connect: Future Leaders CPD and Networking opportunity

The Future Leaders Trust offers support to Headteachers via their Headship Institute network. The network is holding its Annual Headship Symposium on Thursday 23rd June in London and we have been offered free places at the event for all Headteachers in the Cidari family.

This theme for the day will be the changing landscape of education and how this has impacted on school leadership and more specifically the role of a Headteacher.

The day will open with John Tomsett, Headteacher at Huntington School and Co-founder of the Headteachers' Roundtable think-tank, who will consider the big questions and challenges in education and allow time for reflection and opportunity to feed into the discussions. This will then be followed by practical workshops to address these challenges. Training workshops will provide practical skills to tackle issues within headship, with topics including PR strategies for schools, challenges reflecting diversity of school bodies, mental health, developing into executive roles and raising student aspirations.

Anna Coles (ASCL), **Diana Osagie** (Headteacher, Islington Arts & Media School), **Place2Be** (leading national children's mental health charity) and **Grebot Donnelly** (marketing and communications consultancy specialising in the education sector) will facilitate workshops and more workshops are to be confirmed.

The day will end with the inspirational **Jay Altman**, CEO of FirstLine schools New Orleans, who will focus on Headteacher wellbeing and resilience and how this will impact on leadership capacity.

I would like the trust to be represented at this event. If you would like to attend this event please contact me directly.

Cidari Connect: Learning together

The next Governors' network will take place 5.30pm on 23rd June at Clayton House. The focus of the session will be 'Finance'. Please confirm your attendance by e-mailing Clare Shaw.

Academy Improvement

Education for All Bill (Mainly England only)

The government set out the main priorities within the next Education Bill at the Queen's Speech last Wednesday.

- Powers to convert under-performing schools in "unviable" local authorities to academies
- Goal of making every school an academy but no compulsion to do so
- Head teachers, not councils, to be responsible for school improvement
- A new national funding formula for schools
- Schools to be responsible for assisting excluded pupils

HMCI's monthly commentary: May 2016

Ofsted's Chief Inspector, Sir Michael Wilshaw, comments on the study of science and foreign languages in primary schools.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/hmcis-monthly-commentary-may-2016>

Sir Michael Wilshaw's speech to the TES Leadership conference

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/sir-michael-wilshaws-speech-to-the-tes-leadership-conference>

Ofsted strategic plan: 2016

This plan sets out Ofsted's strategic priorities from May 2016 onwards.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ofsted-strategic-plan-2016>

Cidari Connect: Buildings & Facilities Information - Energy Efficiency Webinar

As part of the Crown Commercial Service (CCS) collaborative Energy for Schools initiative with DfE, the EFA are hosting a series of energy efficiency webinars for schools.

The webinar will provide more information on the initiative, how to access our agreements, and the benefits that the EFA can provide to your school.

Please register your interest for the next webinar session taking place on Tuesday 14 June 2016 from 12:30 to 13:00 by clicking [here](#).

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