

Words from CEO

Cidari Connect: Working in partnership - Lancashire Roundtable event



On 9th June I attended a Lancashire Roundtable event hosted by Vicky Beer, Regional Schools Commissioner. The meeting provided an opportunity to meet with Lancashire Headteachers to discuss their views on academisation and share thinking on strategy and developments in the Academies Programme. It is clear that we have an RSC who is keen to listen and wants stakeholders to be involved in shaping and developing the way forward. A network for Chairs of MAT Boards will be launched in the autumn. We were also able to formally welcome Nicky Topley who will be the RSC's link with Blackburn academies.



Deputy Regional Schools Commissioner:

The second tier of support to deliver the government's Academies Programme has now been put in place.

Anne Casey, principal at UTC@MediaCityUK, will support Vicky Beer, RSC for Lancashire and West Yorkshire. Casey, formerly Head of ICT at the Education Funding Agency, was appointed as Principal of the college, for 14 to 18 year olds interested in a career in the creative industry, in 2013. It opened last year.

https://twitter.com/rsc_lwy/status/732941960147787776

Cidari Connect: Developing new talent

This week the House of Commons Committee of Public Accounts published its report on 'Training new teachers'. The report raises several concerns concluding that the Department for Education's approach to tackling teacher training "lacks coherence", its plans are "experimental and unevaluated" and the department shows "no sense of leadership or urgency". The full report can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

Cidari Connect: Working in partnership - Engagement with STEM

Peter Ashworth, our Leader of Learning, Standards and Achievement met with Dr Rachel Bibby and Sarah Connon from the North West delivery team for STEM on the 9th of June to look at partnership working and bespoke CPD for Cidari academies. The STEM team are keen to establish relationships with Multi-Academy Trusts and blend the work already being delivered in the region. STEM data shows that the majority of Cidari academies have made initial links and have attended some of the CPD offered. Peter will canvass where skills gaps exist or where there are specific requirements and STEM colleagues will tailor activities and content to match need. With the regional spread of STEM networks, all our academies will receive support close by so that there is no significant travel involved.

For primary colleagues there will be a STEM conference on the **28th of June** at **Ashton Community Science College**, Preston which will focus on 'Making Powerful Connections in Primary Science, Maths and Technology'. For more details please click [here](#):

HMCI's monthly commentary June 2016: Ofsted's Chief Inspector, Sir Michael Wilshaw, comments on the most able pupils, saying that there is still too much talent going to waste. [Click here](#).

Cidari Connect: Health & Safety & Buildings Development - Maintenance Strategy

Matt McIver and Sally Little are meeting for a final presentation with our potential H&S software provider on Friday 17th June.

Following this we will begin rolling out Health and Safety audits across our Academies through late June and July. These audits will feed in to action plans for each Academy; with immediate compliance issues programmed to be addressed.

In parallel we will be carrying out updated condition surveys where required on roofs and Mechanical & Electrical systems with immediate concerns being programmed into a reactive action plan. Both these pieces of work will inform the updating of School Buildings Development Plans and School Maintenance Plans for all our Academies in September/ October giving clear areas of priority, potential future development and indications for possible CIF bids in the autumn.

