

Words from CEO

Cidari Connect: Academies Show 2016



On Wednesday 20th April Sally Little, Head of Finance, Peter Ashworth, Head of Education and I visited the Academies Show 2016 at London's Excel. We attended a range of seminars and workshops including the Keynote Address by the Secretary of State, Nicky Morgan during which she spoke about her vision of all schools becoming academies. Please see the attached speech.

Copies of all presentations from the Academies Show can be found using the following link. <http://media.academiesshow.london/>



Cidari Connect: New research – Teach First

On Monday 18 April new analysis from education charity Teach First suggested that disadvantaged pupils are missing out on school places at outstanding institutions.

Based on figures from Ofsted, the findings reveal:

- The poorest families are **four times more likely** to have to send their child to a primary school which requires improvement or is inadequate compared to the wealthiest families.
- The poorest families have **less than half the chance** of sending their child to an outstanding primary school compared to the wealthiest families.

All members of the Cidari family are working hard to ensure that all pupils, including disadvantaged pupils receive the best possible education and achieve the best possible outcomes.

You can access the full report using the following link. <https://www.teachfirst.org.uk/press/national-primary-offer-day-teach-first-calls-people-teach-low-income-communities>

Cidari Connect: New research – Institute of Education

New research published by the Institute of Education highlights the impact of extracurricular activities on primary pupils' attainment, self-esteem and confidence. The report '**Out of school activities during primary school and attainment at KS2**' found that "For children from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, who have lower take-up of formal out-of-school activities, school-based clubs offer an accessible, lower cost route for learning experiences outside of the school curriculum with potential benefits for social as well as academic development."

You can access the full report by using the following link. <http://www.natcen.ac.uk/media/1135440/CLS-WP-2016-Out-of-school-activities-during-primary-school-and-KS2-attainment.pdf>

Cidari Connect: Working in partnership

This week the DfE published a 'Memorandum of Understanding between the National Society and the Department for Education' which sets out the key principles and working arrangements agreed between the National Society and the Secretary of State for Education. It applies to all schools taking on academy status and to any statutory action to support, challenge or intervene in any underperforming Church of England maintained school or academy.

This can be accessed using the following link.

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/517423/Memorandum_of_understanding_between_the_National_Society_and_DfE.pdf

Cidari Connect: Worshipping together

We can now confirm that the Cidari Eucharist will take place at **8.10am on Tuesday 17th May** in the Jesus Chapel at Blackburn Cathedral. The Eucharist will be followed by breakfast in the Crypt.

Please confirm your attendance by e-mailing Clare Shaw at clare.shaw@cidari.co.uk no later than Friday 8th May.

