

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all managed to have a restful break over the Easter holiday and have enjoyed the wonderful weather that we have had over the past week. I have been to visit each of our schools over the last few days and it has been a pleasure to see how well the pupils have settled back into school life again this term.

### **Meet the Trust Coffee Mornings**

In the autumn term, our Trust ran coffee mornings at each of our schools to give parents and carers the opportunity to come and speak with me and my team. We had some really interesting and productive conversations with those who attended, and would like to run these again this term.



Events will run on the following dates – please confirm your attendance to [admin@centralengland.co.uk](mailto:admin@centralengland.co.uk) if you would like to attend so that we are aware of how many people to expect and cater for:

- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June @ 9.30am for parents and carers from Oak Wood Primary and Oak Wood Secondary (to be held in the GEM building)
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June @ 10.00am for parents and carers from Higham Lane School (to be held in the GEM building on the Oak Wood site)

### **Trust Values**

All of our school communities collectively make up our Trust. 'The Trust' is not a separate entity but the collective name for our family of schools working together. My job and that of my central team is not to get involved in the running of each school and decisions made - this is the job of each headteacher. We are here to work strategically across all schools, providing support and challenge, in particular about the implementation of our core values which should be the foundation of all that we do:

**Collaboration** - we are committed to working in partnership with each other, with parents and families and others in our community, knowing that together we are stronger.

**Equity** - we are committed to being fully inclusive and supporting all of our pupils to thrive, regardless of their background and the challenges that they face. We understand that not everyone has the same starting point or opportunities, and we are committed to giving them what they need, whenever they need it to ensure they succeed.

**Aspiration** - we have the highest expectations and ambitions for all of our pupils at all times.

**Trust** - ensuring that all members of our community feel safe, that they are loved and belong. Positive, non-judgemental and caring relationships are key in all of our interactions with others.

## **CEAT Executive Team**

Our Trust executive team currently consists of:



Andrew Dickinson  
Chief Executive Officer



Jen Roberts  
Trust Development Director



Ben Elliott  
Chief Finance and People Officer



Claire Warren  
Chief Operations Officer

## **CEAT News**

- Oak Wood Secondary School has been designated as a 'Lead School' for the Heart of England Music Hub. They will also be opening their new post-16 premises in the autumn term. We look forward to announcing the name shortly.
- Jade School (our specialist provision based at Brooklands Hospital) had a really positive and successful QNIC review last term.
- Oak Wood Primary School is continuing to work with Warwickshire to progress work on their expansion – we will keep you updated.
- Higham Lane School has achieved lots of sporting success recently, including the Year 9 and Year 11 football teams both winning the Nuneaton and District Cup in their age groups.
- Lots is happening in relation to Higham Lane North Academy, with a pre-opening Ofsted due to take place as well as a readiness to open meeting with the DfE in June.
- We continue to support Beaufort School in Birmingham as we work together towards them joining our Trust during next academic year.

## **Consultation Outcome**

Last term we ran a 4-week consultation about the proposal for Michael Drayton Junior School to join our Trust this September. Thank you to those who responded and provided your views and feedback. The outcome of the consultation has now been published on our website:

<https://centralengland.co.uk/consultations/>

Feedback received was overwhelmingly positive and we are now working towards welcoming Michael Drayton Junior School into Central England Academy Trust in September 2025.

Yours faithfully

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