



Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you've had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break, and that your children have settled back into the new school year.

It has been wonderful to welcome back all our pupils, families, and staff across our growing Trust. This year is a special one for Central England Academy Trust—we're now a proud family of five schools!

## Our Schools

We continue to work closely with our established schools:

- Oak Wood Primary School
- Oak Wood Secondary School
- Higham Lane School

And we're thrilled to welcome two new schools to the Trust:

- Higham Lane North Academy, which opened this term to its very first group of pupils
- Michael Drayton Junior School, officially joined us on 1st September—our first mainstream primary school

## Trust Conference 2025

At the start of term, we held our first-ever Trust Conference at Bedworth Civic Hall, bringing together staff from all five schools. It was a fantastic way to start the year, with time to reflect on our shared vision and the values that guide us:

- **Collaboration** – Better together
- **Equity** – Fairness for all
- **Aspiration** – Be your best self
- **Trust** – Feeling safe

## Celebrating Success

We're proud to share that Higham Lane School has maintained 'Ofsted Outstanding' following a rigorous two-day inspection in May, they achieved excellent GCSE and A-Level results and had a record number of students joining the Sixth Form. Congratulations to all involved!

## Looking Ahead

We've got some exciting developments coming up:

- We will be opening a new two-form entry primary school at Callendar Farm in 2026, offering places for over 420 pupils and including a specialist resource provision for children with SEND.
- Oak Wood Primary School is expanding! Building work is underway and scheduled to finish by September 2026.
- Oak Wood Secondary School's new post-16 provision – Oak Wood Pathways (formerly Unit 1) will open later this academic year.

## Our Vision

We're really proud to be rooted in Nuneaton, and everything we do is about making a positive difference to the people and communities around us. Education is a powerful tool, and we want every young person to have the best possible start and opportunities in life.

We want to provide for every step of the educational journey, from age 3 all the way through to 19. Whether it's early years, primary, secondary, or sixth form, we're focused on helping our young people grow into responsible, resilient, kind and confident individuals who know their self-worth and are ready to go out into the world and make their mark.

We know that all of our schools have something to offer, and that we are here to learn from and support each other. By working together, we're stronger than we would be on our own and collectively can make a real difference to the young people in Nuneaton.

Thank you for your continued support. We're looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

Yours faithfully



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