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PARENT UPDATE

WELCOME

Welcome to the spring term edition of the Parent Trust newsletter. This edition brings news of events taking place across the Trust, as well as news from our individual schools.

Most notable is the news that **Arthur Mellows Village College has been awarded 'Gold' for the Carnegie Award** and **Hampton Vale Primary Academy Nursery experienced an Ofsted inspection of their Nursery provision. In the case of the Ofsted news, the report is yet to be published, but details will be shared within the next Trust newsletter.**



Also included in this edition is the conclusion of our transition analysis work with Year 6 into Year 7 which will provide the Trust with invaluable feedback and inform future planning of transition across our Trust schools in the future.



Arthur Mellows Village College scoops pioneering mental health award

AMVC has achieved the School Mental Health Award which is delivered by the Carnegie Centre of Excellence for Mental Health in Schools.

Arthur Mellows Village College were awarded a Gold standard for its **outstanding mental health and wellbeing provision.**



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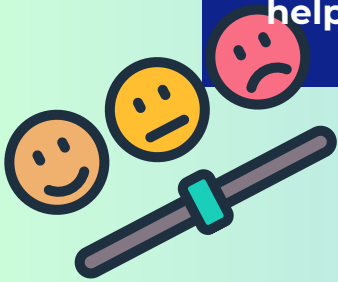
Transition from Primary to Secondary School - How can we make it better?



During the course of the autumn and early spring terms, Mr Erwin and Ms Siequien met with Year 7 students across the Trust Secondary academies to review transition between Primary and Secondary. Transition to Secondary School is a significant step for every young person and we as a Trust are committed to ensuring that all students feel supported, prepared, and confident throughout this process.



Please see below a summary of the feedback we received from students during this exercise which will help inform future planning of transition across our Trust schools.



CONCLUSION

RESULTS

Consideration to be given to schools affording more time for transition

Summer term of Year 6 to reflect the secondary curriculum more, eg English and Maths, as opposed to reading, writing and numeracy

Separate canteen facilities to avoid congestion and increased monitoring of corridors and stairs

Online homework systems to be rationalised
Year 7/8 Parents' Evening schedules to be reviewed

Year 6 to be taught how to read a timetable and become familiar with common or compatible language at Secondary School

More virtual tours on websites alongside maps



If Parents wish to feed into this process with any further suggestions as to how transition could be improved, please send any comments to office@fourcsmat.org.uk



What are the Four Cs?

Curiosity, Confidence, Courage and Constancy

At the Four Cs Multi Academy Trust we must ignite a student's imagination and their active, willing and enthusiastic engagement in their learning.

Future editions of the Trust Newsletter will focus on the individual elements that make up our vision and will focus on the four key words:



Curiosity



Confidence



Courage



Constancy

The Trust wishes to encourage Curiosity, Confidence, Courage and Constancy in all aspects of our work.

Curiosity



- We encourage exploration, learning, and creativity in all aspects of school life.
- Schools share expertise, ideas, and best practice to continually improve across the Trust.
- We are open to new approaches that benefit children, staff, and communities.

Confidence



- We believe in every child's potential and help them succeed academically and personally.
- Our schools and staff are supported to lead with confidence and pride in their work.
- The Four Cs Trust provides a reliable, trusted framework while ensuring every school is valued for its identity, heritage and local knowledge.

Courage



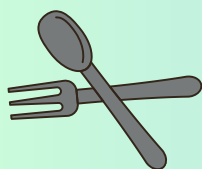
- We take bold, principled steps to meet the needs of every pupil and community.
- Our schools and leaders act with ambition, integrity, and a focus on excellence.
- We celebrate successes and are transparent about challenges, learning from both.

Constancy



- We are committed for the long term to children, staff, and local communities.
- Our approach is consistent, dependable, and values-driven.
- The Four Cs Trust creates stability while enabling growth, collaboration, and shared leadership.

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Accent Catering



- GOOD FOOD -



Accent Catering is proud to be a valued partner of the Four Cs Academy Trust, providing nutritious, freshly prepared meals and snacks to pupils across six schools in the Trust. With more than 4,600 pupils to serve each day, our dedicated catering teams work hard behind the scenes to prepare delicious meals using quality, fresh ingredients. Our goal is simple: to fuel growing minds and bodies with food that supports learning, wellbeing, and enjoyment throughout the school day.

From hearty lunches to tasty snacks, every meal is thoughtfully planned to balance nutrition with flavours that pupils love. We believe that good food plays an important role in the school experience, helping children stay energised, focused, and ready to make the most of their day in the classroom and beyond.



Creating a safe, well-run kitchen environment is also a top priority for us. Our teams follow the highest standards of food safety, cleanliness, and organisation to ensure that every meal is prepared with care and confidence. We are delighted to share that, over the past few months, local Environmental Health Officers (EHO) have visited several of our school kitchens and awarded every audited site the highest possible food hygiene rating of five stars. With only one more school to go, we are confident we will achieve top marks in all kitchens.

These fantastic results reflect the dedication and professionalism of our talented Chef Managers and their teams, who consistently go above and beyond in their daily work. Their commitment ensures that pupils not only enjoy great-tasting meals but also benefit from the highest standards of safety and quality.

We are incredibly proud of our teams and grateful to be part of the Four Cs community, supporting pupils with great food every day.



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Photo Shoot



The Trust has recently brought together children / students from each school in the Trust for a combined photo shoot.

It was lovely to see the different age ranges working, reading and playing together. Our thanks go to the students involved for being so accommodating, well-presented, articulate and confident. They were excellent ambassadors for our Trust schools.



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News

from our schools....



Manor Drive Primary Academy Eco Warriors Club put their creativity and recycling skills to brilliant use, transforming recycled jars and tissue paper into beautiful love heart lanterns. The children carefully drew hearts in a variety of sizes, cut them out, and thoughtfully arranged them around their jars. They paid close attention to placement, ensuring not to overcrowd the jars so that when lit, the lanterns cast a charming display of hearts onto the surrounding surfaces. The activity not only allowed the Eco Warriors to showcase their artistic talents but also highlighted the importance of reusing materials in imaginative ways. The glowing lanterns now brighten up the classroom with a warm, heartfelt glow, reflecting the children's care and creativity. Well done to all our Eco Warriors for creating something truly special!

We are delighted to share that **Arthur Mellows** has been partnered with a school in the Cherkasy Region of Ukraine, Lesky Lyceum, through the British Council UK-Ukraine School Partnerships programme. At the end of last term, our school joined this exciting initiative, giving young people the chance to connect with peers in Ukraine while discovering the joys of reading. For further information, visit the [College website](#)



Do you know a place that makes you long for childhood?



Fulbridge Academy



'Making waves in the Fulbridge Pool'

We are proud to show our school community our new swimming pool which is now up and running.

Our Year 4 children were the first to enjoy a swimming lesson in the new pool. The children were very excited, they expressed how wonderful and enjoyable the experience was.

We are really proud of this new facility and we look forward to seeing many Fulbridge children enjoying their swimming lessons here at our school.

Swimming video YouTube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qIYTQ8tZoog>

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Manor Drive Secondary Academy is one of just 250 schools across the country selected to pioneer solar energy use in the education sector through the UK Government's Great British Energy Solar Partnership. The initiative not only supports schools in reducing carbon emissions but also aims to increase student awareness of careers in renewable energy, sustainable construction and green technologies. The sustainability workshop, delivered on the first week of March, was deliberately timed to coincide with National Careers Week 2026, giving students the opportunity to explore how the Great British Energy Solar Partnership (GBESP) connects to emerging career pathways in engineering, retrofit coordination, architecture and environmental science.



Shrek the Musical JR

The recent production of Shrek the Musical JR. at Ken Stimpson Academy was a resounding success, showcasing the immense talent of the student body. Performed to a full house, the show took audiences on an irreverently fun journey through the swamp to rescue Princess Fiona. Well done to the cast; your performances were amazing and inspiring to everyone who watched. With thanks to everyone who helped support the production.



Discovery Primary Academy Pupils "Go All In" at New Pop-Up Bookshop

Pupils at Discovery Primary Academy were buzzing with excitement as their school atrium was transformed into a vibrant pop-up bookshop to kick off World Book Day celebrations. The immersive event gave children the chance to browse the official £1 World Book Day titles in a miniature high-street-style setting. Instead of money, pupils "bought" their chosen books using their World Book Day tokens, giving them a true sense of ownership over their new stories.



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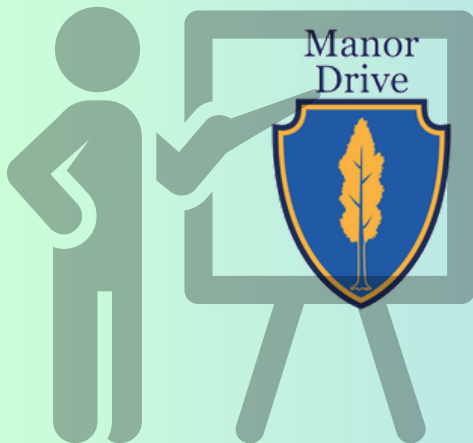
Trainee Teachers Explore Scaffolding and Inclusive Practice at Manor Drive Primary Academy

We were delighted to welcome 16 trainee teachers from Teach East SCITT to Manor Drive Primary Academy, part of The Four Cs Trust, for two inspiring days of intensive Teaching and Practice (ITAP) focused on the importance of scaffolding within adaptive and inclusive teaching. The trainees began day one with a presentation exploring SEND and our whole-school approach to scaffolding as a key element of adaptive practice. We were proud to share how carefully structured support, high expectations, and responsive teaching strategies ensure that every pupil can access learning and achieve success.

The day also included trainees visiting classrooms to observe scaffolding in place and an opportunity to apply their learning, working collaboratively on planning and designing their own lesson.

It was a pleasure to host such enthusiastic and reflective trainees, and we thoroughly enjoyed having them with us over the two days.

A huge thank you to our Deputy Head, Mrs Parrott, and our SENCO, Ms Pearson, for their expertise and support in making the ITAP experience such a success.



Hampton Vale Primary Academy

Young Performers Shine on Stage

At Hampton Vale Primary School we are extremely proud of Mrs Clulow's Musical Theatre Club, whose members have enjoyed a fantastic and exciting month of performances. The children began by taking part in our school Talent Show, where they performed brilliantly and impressed the audience with their confidence, enthusiasm and developing performance skills. The club then took to the stage at The Cresset as part of the Fantasy Footlights Show. Performing a high-energy dance routine in front of an audience of almost 800 people, the children truly rose to the occasion. Every performer was beaming with pride following their fantastic routine – and Mrs Clulow certainly was too!

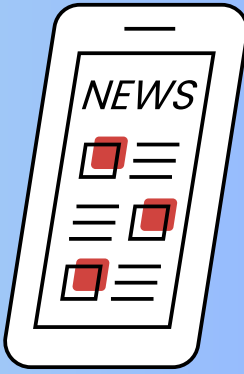


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For more regular news about work going on across our schools, please visit the various school social media sites. All schools are now on Facebook and LinkedIn and post their news regularly. Quick links can be found on the school website home pages.

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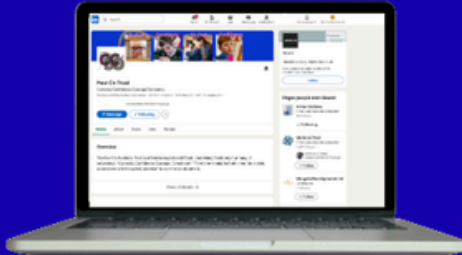
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**Do you
want to
make a
difference?**

Have you ever thought about shaping the future of education while boosting your own skills and experience?

Make a difference to pupils in your local community!

Various Four Cs Trust schools are seeking Co-opted Governors to join their teams.

Becoming a school governor is a unique opportunity to make a real difference to children and young people alongside developing your own CPD, leadership skills and team work, or using your own unique experience or perspective to drive positive change.

If you feel you have the skill-set to make a difference and could contribute to the success of our Trust schools, please contact office@fourcsmat.org.uk for further details and to arrange an opportunity to meet with Trust colleagues.



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School Centred
Initial Teacher
Training



Manor Drive
Secondary
Academy

Our Trust make-up is all geographically based in the Peterborough area and comprises 3 Secondary Schools, 4 Primary Schools and our Teacher Training provider (Teach East).



DISCOVERY PRIMARY ACADEMY

