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A MESSAGE FROM DAVID WOOTTON

It continues to be a real **privilege** to be Chair of Trustees of our new and successful educational trust. We are delighted that a new school, **Crewe University Technical College**, joined us on 1 September 2021. A warm welcome to them from us all. You can find out more about Crewe UTC [here](#).

We are proud of our **fantastic staff** who continue to work so very hard in these tricky times. We know that **if our staff flourish, then so will all our children**. You can find out more, in this edition, about how we help to train teachers and support them throughout their careers.

I hope you and your family enjoy a **peaceful and restful holiday**. I look forward to seeing you in 2022.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'David Wootton'.

David Wootton CBE

TLA SCHOOLS

Black Firs Primary
Castle Primary
Cheshire Studio
Congleton High
Crewe UTC
Egerton Primary
Knutsford Academy
Sir William Stanier
The Oaks Academy

TLA APPOINTS A NEW DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Congratulations to Ian Simpson, appointed recently as our new TLA Director of Finance. Ian is an experienced and qualified accountant. Ian has been promoted as part of a re-organisation of the central team. As Ian takes over, our finances are in very good shape with all schools balancing their budgets. Most schools are also investing resources in capital, and other, projects, to improve their facilities. We wish Ian very well in his new role.



NEWSFLASH – new Ofsted inspection report for Knutsford Academy [here](#).

Our new website is here:
<http://thelearningalliance.co.uk>

Follows us on twitter @newstla1 for news from TLA.

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Teacher training and future leaders

Emma Hooley (pictured right) is our Director of Learning & Development. She leads our successful programme of teacher training, which trains new teachers each year. She also looks after our trust-wide work with our 25 early career teachers, which is a two year national course that makes sure that new teachers get off to a flying start.



Following on from this, all of our teachers now have access to new national professional qualifications, which we run on behalf of our regional teaching school hub. These important qualifications help our staff to prepare for future middle and senior leadership. At present we have around 15 colleagues studying for these qualifications.

Emma also leads our new subject network groups, which have specialist teachers from different schools working to improve teaching and learning across our schools. New appointments from the start of the Spring term will extend this work into our primary schools.



What makes us the same?

We are **ambitious** for all children, whatever their circumstances, and have very high expectations. We share a **vision and similar values** across all schools. We recognise the many benefits gained by **working together**.

This year, schools have worked together to **improve the curriculum** in each school. **Sharing resources and ideas** help us all get the best out of each other. We are committed to **helping all children achieve** success and realise their potential.

What makes us different?

Our Trust fosters **diversity** and celebrates the different characteristics of each school. All children are unique and so are their schools. We expect our local governing bodies to help ensure that **each school reflects and serves its community**.

We also ask our experienced and **effective local governing boards** to support and challenge the **quality of education and staff and children's welfare** in their school. Each local board is a key part of our success.

Finally...



*We wish you all a **peaceful and safe holiday**. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year.*