



CEO Introduction – Mr Jonathan Taylor



Welcome back to the Summer term.

This term sees Years 6, 11, 12 & 13 all taking crucial tests/exams and our absolute focus must be to support pupils to achieve their very best. In addition staff will be preparing pupils for EYFS assessment, Year 1 (phonics) and Year 2 (KS1 SATs) tests. Having an overview from EYFS to 'A' certainly makes me appreciate the quantity of testing in the system currently – one challenge is to ensure that we don't lose sight of the quality of education our pupils deserve

to receive.

Our basic expectation is that all pupils should make, at least, expected progress and our expectations must always be high – whatever the challenges! There is still time to make a difference and I would like to thank colleagues for their commitment and dedication over the weeks ahead. Several schools held GCSE Easter revision classes and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

I would like to formally welcome Ghost Hill Infants & Nursery School to SET, the school officially joined on April 1st. The school was evaluated as 'outstanding' by Ofsted at its last inspection and brings with it a wealth of expertise and experience, particularly around early years. Ghost Hill staff have already been fully involved in many of the development activities overseen by Kelly Stokes, our Director of Primary Improvement and we very much look forward to working in partnership. I am pleased to also confirm that Framingham Earl High School is due to formally join SET on May 1st.

There have been several good pieces of news over the Easter period. We have had two important bids approved by the DfE. Our 'CIF' funding application for building repairs at Stradbroke High School and our bid to launch the Sapientia Teaching School Alliance (as a stand-alone National Teaching School) have been given the green light.

The Teaching School status, with Wymondham College as the lead school, is particularly important for our future strategic direction and I am delighted! Special thanks to Kirsty Bray, our SET Director of Development, who put the bid process together. The Sapientia TSA will be at the heart of our future school improvement work and I look forward to sharing plans with you in due course.

We are in the final stages of planning the SET central team structure for next year. To support the work of our education team we are looking to offer several secondment opportunities next academic year. Applicants must be experienced and outstanding teachers, with a strong track record of success. The

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secondary posts will require significant middle leadership experience, including evidence of leading CPD/coaching. If you are interested please contact Catriona Mitchell at ea@sapientiaeducationtrust.org for further details. You will need endorsement from your Headteacher before applying. Closing date for applications is Monday 23rd April. All posts will work across the range of SET schools and offer excellent professional development.

Primary:

- Education Advisor - Early Years: 1 day per week
- Education Advisor - Maths Mastery: 1 - 2 days per fortnight

Secondary:

- Education Advisor – Coaching and staff development: 1-2 days per week
- Education advisor – Teaching Standards: 1 day per week

I enjoyed visiting schools last half-term and would like to thank colleagues who responded very quickly to my request for a tidy up! Old Buckenham Primary and Stradbroke High School in particular looked great last time I visited.

Finally I must thank the many staff who went over and above in supporting students during the snow closure period. I appreciate it was challenging for all schools, but Wymondham College had the added complication of over 600 boarders in residence! To the very many staff who worked extra shifts, slept on site overnight and worked tirelessly to keep our school sites safe - many thanks – your efforts are very much appreciated.

Best wishes for a successful summer term

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