

CEO Newsletter



November 2023

Hello Again!

Dear parents, carers, and families,

I hope your children have continued to learn well over the course of the term and they are now looking forward to the festive season.

Trust Developments

Across the Trust, our focus has moved to enhancing the curriculum. We want children at our schools to be able to learn the same as their peers in mainstream schools - but in a way that makes it accessible and interesting for them.

All of our schools are therefore reviewing their curriculum offer to ensure that learning and understanding builds over time and that all children are ready for life beyond school as successful members of society.

An Update on my Visits

During my monthly visits this month, I observed our Year 11 students preparing for their mock exams. They showed a studious approach and a determination to do well.

I hope that your children found the experience useful and that it has increased their confidence for final exams in the Summer.

Student Council Updates

As always, I met with each School Council this month - at **Church Lawton** their focus this month was on 'Ask the CEO', at **Thames Valley** the focus was on reading, and at **Vanguard** the focus was on activities to support anti-bullying.

What was particularly exciting was the fact that two students at **Vanguard** were preparing for a visit to the House of Lords to talk about their involvement in the Anti-Bullying Alliance video - take a look at the video [here!](#)

Executive Student Leadership Team

The term has been so busy that I have not been able to have a full meeting with our new Student Executive Leadership Team, however, we are having a brief catch-up on **Monday 18 December**, so that we can meet each other and be ready for regular meetings in the new year. Our first meeting will be hosted by Church Lawton with Thames Valley and Vanguard dialing in.

First News Launched!

I am pleased to say that the First News newspaper has finally launched in all of our schools! The subscription we have purchased allows all families to also access the online version free of charge. Please contact your school for login details and access the site [here](#).

Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion

At Liberty we are committed to promoting a culture of belonging for all staff and students across the Trust. In promoting principles of equality, diversity, and inclusion, we want every individual to achieve their potential. I am therefore delighted to advise that our EDI Partnership Board has now been established and representatives from each of our schools have met together to ensure the priorities we identify are the right ones. Take a look at our EDI Strategy on our website and [here](#).

My Child at School

A final reminder that although you can access my videos on the website, the MCAS app is available to download on your smart phone - this is the quickest way of getting updates, so take a look, if you've not already done so.

With all best wishes,

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Dr Nic Crossley, CEO, Liberty Academy Trust

