

# Mowbray Education Trust

## Summer Term 2 Newsletter

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**Blimey – what a year!**

Another one. I am aware that I have probably said that for the last five years at least, since being CEO (this is my SIXTH year!).

But every year seems to get better and better (not necessarily easier though!!).

Three years ago, we set ourselves a goal – to be the best trust in the country within ten years: a massive goal but also a sensible (for me) time frame.

We set out that being the best meant that we provide the best education that is out there for all of our students – especially the most vulnerable.

We set out a series of events that would happen along the way, that would help us to indicate we are on the right tracks to achieve our overall goal.

When we revisited the events of this year, it feels that we are genuinely likely to achieve this, within a shorter time frame.

This year we were joined by the last secondary LA school – it chose our trust as its best fit. We have also been selected to take on a primary school that needs our support. Additionally, there is a rapidly growing interest in us from schools looking to join a trust – terrifying, unbelievable but also incredibly exciting.

In the meantime, all of our schools have clearly improved and are continuing to do so, as validated by Ofsted when they choose to visit (and they clearly like visiting MET!!).

Let me be clear: our ambition is not to be the biggest trust in the country, but to be the best. We recognise that we need to be big

enough to give enough opportunities to our increasingly talented team and size will give us this. It will also give us the resource to give the very best to all the young people we serve.

Additionally, I think that many of us are realising that working in education post-pandemic, is very different from the pre-pandemic world – and simply: there is strength in numbers.

The thing I have enjoyed most this year, is what I sense as the gathering together of intelligent, like-minded people, who are working closely and courageously to manage the new and complex challenges we face. Our ambition is the same: but the barriers we face to achieve it have multiplied: doesn't mean it can't be done, but 'we're gonna need a bigger boat' (Jaws reference – if you were born prior to 1975, you probably won't get it 😊).

Anyway – I need to thank you – none of this is possible without you and look at how far we have come. Our first value is 'Children First' and it always has been – I am more confident than ever that this is lived and enacted in every decision we make. We couldn't do it without this.

I can't wait to welcome you back in the Autumn to share all the exciting updates face to face – including a rather dramatic new logo.

Have an amazing summer – enjoy the rest and stay safe.

Thank You

Christine Stansfield

CEO Mowbray Education Trust

MET Team





## PEOPLE & DEVELOPMENT ROUND UP

Firstly, huge congratulations to our second year ECTs who have all successfully completed their induction and those ECTs who have completed their first year of induction. We are very lucky to have such talented teachers who have chosen to start their careers with our Trust. I also want to thank everyone who has supported our ECTs and trainees as mentors this year.

Nurturing future talent into teaching must be a priority in the current recruitment crisis. This year we have had a group of aspiring teachers from Year 13 at Iveshead visit John Ferneley and The Grove for school experience days. I also attended a careers event at MV16 and have had regular conversations with parents, ex-students and members of the community about routes into teaching. A number of people have completed work experience placements and volunteered in schools including a Year 6 pupil at Grove who has a dream to be a maths teacher and so has supported Year 1 in their maths lessons.

I am currently in contact with over 30 aspiring teachers and hope this number continues to grow into next year. If you know anyone who is interested in a career in teaching or any other roles across the Trust, please do pass my details on.

The Trust professional development opportunities have continued to grow in number this year. Over forty staff, teachers



and support, have now completed one of the new NPQs with East Midlands Teacher Training Partnership and Ambition. Please get in touch if you are interested in signing up for one next year. Our various networks have also continued to be well supported and provide opportunities for collaboration across the Trust. I have especially enjoyed delivering the Aspiring Leaders Network this year with a mixture of primary and secondary teachers and members of the central team. This will be running again next year so please look out for dates early next term if you are interested in joining.

Thank you to everyone who has delivered or attended any of the professional development opportunities this year.

Finally, I am pleased to announce the launch of our new Trust careers site: <https://www.eteach.com/careers/mowbrayeducation/>. Please do share this with anyone who may be interested in joining the Trust.

Anna Butler  
Executive Lead for People & Development



## NEWS

### Choices at every step

**Samantha Stanley** and **Lindsey Geraghty** explain how they've gone about the task of inspiring students to be more ambitious about their career choices once they leave John Ferneley College...

**S**ome of the most important and challenging decisions young people must make are those concerning their future careers. However, a concerning number of pupils aren't readily aware of what choices are available to them, and don't know how to go about achieving their goals.

A December 2022 study by City & Guilds (see [bit.ly/ts125-c1](https://bit.ly/ts125-c1)) found that 30% of young people don't think they will ever meet their career ambitions – a proportion that only grows larger when we look at pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds specifically.

In other words, nearly a

curriculum will inevitably overlap with the extent of teachers' existing knowledge, confidence and the resources available at school, trust, or even region level.

In our experience, teachers' first-hand knowledge of the careers available within a given sector will vary greatly depending on whether they have worked within that sector themselves before becoming a teacher.

Consequently, some teachers may need additional support if they're to

since it can unveil possibilities that pupils themselves might not have arrived at otherwise.

In our community in Melton Mowbray, for example, we encourage pupils to look both within and beyond their home town. While it's certainly the case that some pupils will benefit from staying close to home, others will only truly blossom by venturing further.

under-represented in the sector(s) in question.

To assist in this mission, we'll try to actively break down any and all misconceptions surrounding frequently stereotyped job roles, such as doctors, engineers or chefs. One way in which we've attempted this has been with the launch of a 'think and discuss'

**"30% of young people don't think they will ever meet their career ambitions"**

It was wonderful to see a two-page article, from Samantha Stanley and Lindsey Geraghty at John Ferneley College, in Teach Secondary!

They bring the issue of careers education to life, and how to inform and inspire our young people to reach their full potential.



Pupils from John Ferneley College were recognised for their bravery. Click [here](#) to read more.



## NEWS



We are so pleased to see the positive developments taking place at Oasis Preschool and Retreat this term! A huge thank you to those who have contributed towards the transformation of the outdoor space, including Mandeep Singh, Director of GS Developments, Neil Parnaby, from NJP Designs Joinery & Furniture Ltd, Ragdale Hall Spa's Community Chest, the Leicester Tigers team and Simon Whitaker, from Wooden Spoon Leicester. The area is really starting to take shape!

Children from Oasis Preschool & Retreat celebrate the end of their preschool years with a joyful graduation event! Click [here](#) to read this story.







## READING UPDATE

Toby H., from John Ferneley College, was one of the finalists for the Pupil Library Assistant of The Year Awards! We are very proud of him for representing our school and Trust!



## YEAR 5 LITERACY EVENT



Mrs Neath, Trust Lead for Reading, organised a Year 5 Literacy Event at John Ferneley College earlier this term.

Year 5 students from across our primaries took part in the activities, which included interactive English lessons and the Scholastic Half Price Book Fair. The children also heard from award-winning children's author, Ben Davis!





### READING UPDATE ctd.

**HELP US WIN £1,000  
FOR OUR LIBRARY!**

NATIONAL  
BOOK  
tokens

In association with

Read  
for Good



National Book Tokens are running a big prize draw this summer! You can help your school rebuild the library, and be in with a chance to win a £100 National Book Token for yourself! To find out more, or enter your school, click [here](#).

We are very excited about the new library space at John Ferneley College! Mrs Neath has asked authors and publishers to send posters / postcards / bookmarks to help decorate the walls! You can help to spread the message by sharing the post [here](#). We can't wait to see our Year 11's enjoying this space next year.



**LIBRARY**







### Community Update

Our MET Wellbeing coffee mornings are in full swing! All of our settings are able to sign-post parents and carers for support within the community. Everybody is welcome, so pop along and spread the word!

#### Coffee Mornings - Dates & Times



##### The Grove Primary School

Wednesday fortnightly from 9am until 10am



##### Sherard Primary School

Every Thursday from 8.40am until 9.30am



##### Brownlow Primary School

Every Friday from 8.45am until 10.15am

**Sandie Hart**

**SEND/Behaviour Advisor Mowbray Education Trust**





## SEND Summer Activities



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LEICESTERSHIRE CITY COUNCIL



Leicester  
City Council



**SportWorks are organising FREE inclusive activities during the Summer Holidays, which will be hosted at John Ferneley College.**



# LEICESTERSHIRE SEND HAF PROGRAMME

play games

make friends

inclusive

have fun

**31ST JULY-24TH AUGUST  
MONDAY-THURSDAY  
10AM - 2PM**

**@ JOHN FERNELEY COLLEGE LE13 1LH**

Holiday Activities & Food Programme for SEN children and young people in receipt of benefits related free school meals.



For more information contact [Laura.lacey@sportworksltd.co.uk](mailto:Laura.lacey@sportworksltd.co.uk)  
or to book your child's place: <https://bookwhen.com/midlands64>



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## MET SPORTS DAYS 2023!





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### SCHOOL SHOWS!

Iveshead's Music Department performed their summer show, 'Iveshead's got Musical talent', this term! The students put on an impressive show with an array of musical acts, including singing and clarinet, flute, guitar and piano playing. They also raised a total of £500 for the Teenage Cancer Trust.



Children from The Hive at Ab Kettleby Primary School put on a fabulous performance of The Wizard of Oz!



### One Night Only

The team at John Ferneley College also put on an amazing performance of One Night Only! Well done to our amazing staff and pupils for all your hard work, it really paid off!



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### AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

We are so pleased to see the recognition the teams across our settings have received this term for the continuous hard work they have put into their curriculum designs.



Leicestershire



Somerby and Ab Kettleby primary schools have achieved the Sports Mark, Music Mark and the Healthy Schools' Award!

The Grove Primary school have also been awarded the Gold School Games Mark!

Sherard Primary School also achieved the Silver School Games Mark for 2022-23!

John Ferneley College have been awarded the Leicestershire Music Gold Quality Mark!

Ab Kettleby achieved the Platinum School Games Mark for 2022-23!







### TRIPS

**Somerby Primary School students enjoyed a fabulous whole school trip to Twin Lakes Park!**



**Year 10 students from JFC enjoyed an amazing trip to France! The first day included a visit to the futuristic theme park, Futuroscope, and watching the fountain/fire/light show "Le clé des Songes", before heading to Puy du Fou on day two!**





### TRIPS

Year 5 pupils from The Grove Primary School experienced a fabulous day-trip to London this term! They visited the Tower of London, the Crown Jewels and the Torture Tower, and enjoyed lots of sightseeing!



The Year 5 and 6 teams from Somerby Primary School visited the Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Centre, and took part in a wide range of activities!







### SPORTING ACTIVITIES

Well done to Brownlow Primary School who reached the final of the Year 5/6 Girls Cricket Competition at Melton Cricket! Ab Kettleby Primary School were also awarded with Spirit of the Games! It has been great to see such enthusiasm from our primary children and their participation in a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities, including Swimming Galas, Tennis Festivals and Cricket Competitions!



Our children at Ab Kettleby Primary School and The Grove Primary School had a great time at the Quadkids event at Long Field Spencer Academy! Well done to our athletes who did an amazing job and showed great determination!







### SPORTING ACTIVITIES



**Congratulations to our pupils at Brownlow Primary School for representing the school and Trust at the Leicestershire & Rutland Primary School's County Swimming Gala, and finishing third! Ab Kettleby Primary School were also awarded with the Spirit of The Games Award!**



# Happy Holidays!



# SUMMER