

Standing out, standing together.

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Growing together

What a phenomenal year it has been across Together Learning Trust! As we reach the end of the 2021-2022 academic year, we would like to take the opportunity to reflect on the incredible success across our organisation and to thank everyone, staff, pupils and stakeholders, for their outstanding contributions. Together Learning Trust is thriving thanks to our amazing people.

Together Learning Trust news from the last term



Welcome to The Brooksbank School

We are delighted to welcome The Brooksbank School to Together Learning Trust and we are excited about the opportunities ahead. The Brooksbank School was founded in 1712 and has a rich and proud history. We have been deeply invested in the rapid and sustained improvements which will return this school to being a leading local school that nurtures, supports and drives its students to flourish.

Having been a part of the response with Education Exchange, we can offer the stability and continuity to ensure that the changes we have already made are securely embedded and that the school can move forward confidently. Our schools have high standards, excellent behaviour, a culture based on shared values, personal development and student leadership, and an innovative PSHE curriculum that equips students for the future. We want to reassure the Brooksbank community that their school is back on track and is a welcome addition to our trust.

Developing our central offer

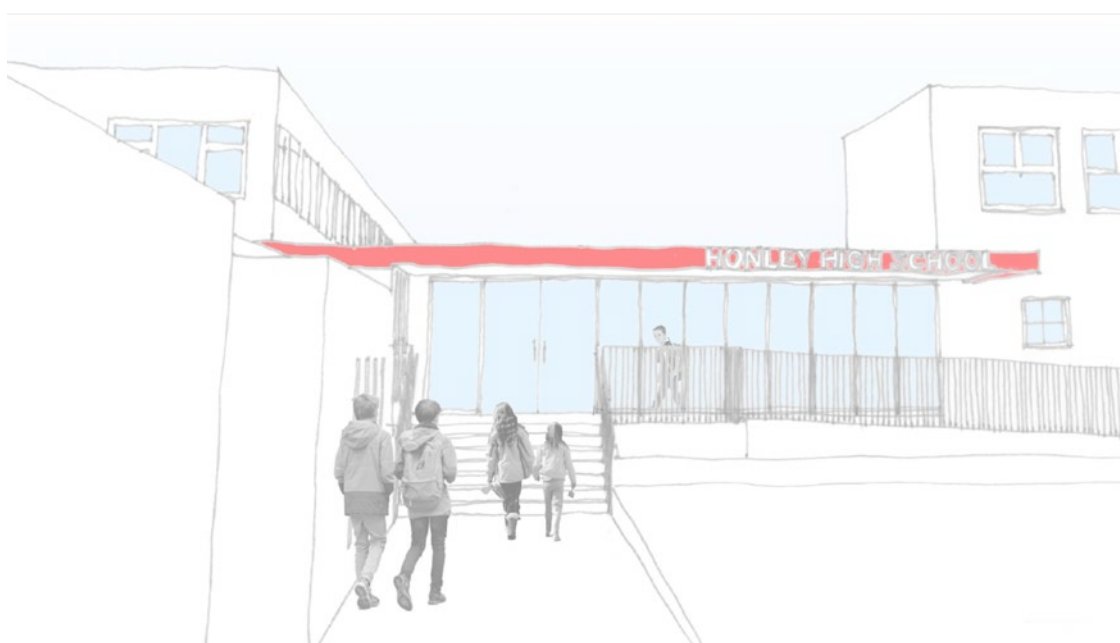
Following the news that The Brooksbank School will be joining the trust and in line with our strategic development plans, we are delighted to share news regarding our central team. From September, the existing team will be complemented by new roles focussing on school improvement across the trust. Whilst appointments are still being confirmed, these exciting new roles will offer trust schools support in a number of key areas, including curriculum, assessment, teaching and learning, behaviour and safeguarding. Our new structure will undoubtedly make us even stronger and we look forward to sharing full details in the autumn term.

Examinations

It would be remiss of us not to congratulate all our students who have completed their end of phase tests and examinations, particularly those pupils in Years 2, 6, 11 and 13. We know you have all worked unbelievably hard to achieve the very best outcomes. Pupils conduct throughout was impeccable. Thank you also to all the staff across our schools who prepared pupils and to those who organised and facilitated the process.

Estate Development

In recent months the central team have been working alongside school leaders to ensure that our school estates continue to promote the highest of standards. Work is already underway at Ryburn Valley to extend the dining facilities and create additional learning space to accommodate the increased numbers of student on roll. Planning for Honley's pupil entrance redevelopment is moving at pace. The project will also include improved welfare facilities for students and additional meeting and break out spaces. Tendering is already underway with work on site due to commence in the summer of 2023. Before that however, we have a number of fantastic developments happening at two of our primary schools this summer. Meltham Moor will benefit from a range of internal and external work designed to improve the schools EYFS area and increase site security and safety. Whilst over at Netherton, a nurture room will be installed on the school grounds over the summer, with additional work taking place at October half term to install new equipment which will improve pupils outdoor learning and play.



Highlights from around our schools

Despite the ongoing challenges of absences due to Covid-19 alongside seasonal illness, our staff and pupils have shown incredible resilience, commitment and skill, producing the highest quality opportunities and learning experiences for one another. It is inspirational spending time in our schools and being part of such a talented and resourceful team.

Bolton Brow Primary Academy

As part of their 125-year anniversary celebrations, staff and pupils at Bolton Brow hosted a "Whole School Museum" day. It was a magical event which showcased the true meaning of "Proud to be Brow". Congratulations to everyone involved.

The Bolton Brow community also ensured "The Great Get Together" was a remarkable success too. A great day was had by all, with particular highlights coming in the Fun Run. It was fantastic for everyone to spend time together in person.



Honley High School

There was an entrepreneurial buzz sweeping across Honley High throughout their Dragon's Den enterprise day. Students across the school demonstrated sound business acumen and excellent presenting skills to devise and promote their ideas and products.

The annual Achievement Evening was a great way to help round off the term. It was fantastic to see so many pupils recognised for their outstanding effort and high-quality work. Congratulations to all the prize winners.

Meltham Moor Primary School

Thank you to the Meltham Moor PTA who arranged for a pop-up circus to visit the school and keep the whole community entertained. It was a wonderful show and a fantastic way to bring all our families together for an afternoon of fun.

Thank you also to all the families who were able to attend the "sharing of work" afternoon. There was a lovely atmosphere across the school as pupils had the opportunity to show parents and family members all of the excellent work they have produced this year.

Ryburn Valley High School

Huge congratulations to everyone involved in the annual Ryburn Pride celebration, a week-long event celebrating and championing identity and diversity. Alongside important learning on topics such as gender, sexuality and attitudes, there were parties and pops of colour aplenty. A wonderful week.

What better way for Ryburn to bring the academic year to a close than the return of the famous Academy Awards. Despite the warm weather, attendance at the event was fantastic and what a night it turned out to be, with spectacular performances and a host of awards presented by some very special guests. Congratulations to all involved.



Netherton Infant and Nursery School

The Netherton Red White and Blue Jubilee party was definitely the hottest ticket in town. Learning activities centred around Britain throughout her Majesty's reign and the day was completed by a fabulous street party picnic for the whole school community.

It was great to see so many families attend the recent "Open House" event, enabling our parents and family members to visit the school and see the amazing work being produced by pupils. Thank you to everyone who attended.

The Brooksbank School

It was great to see so many members of the local community attend the recent community engagement evening. It was a fantastic opportunity for school staff and pupils, joined by the team from Together Learning Trust, to come together with families and community members and discuss the bright, exciting future the school has.

Thank you

Every day, staff, governors and trustees across our organisation continue to make incredible contributions which have direct and meaningful impact on our pupils, our colleagues and our school communities.

A few examples include...

A heartfelt thanks to Alison Bosley who leaves Netherton after 25 years outstanding service. Alison will be greatly missed but her legacy within the Netherton community and the impact she has had on generations of young people will not be forgotten.

Huge congratulations and thanks to Claire Wheale who did a brilliant job co-ordinating the Bolton Brow "Whole School Museum" day as part of the 125-year anniversary celebrations.

Thank you to Michelle Heaney from all the team at Meltham Moor for your amazing work again this year, providing staff and children with great food and a superb service.

Sincere thanks to Carol Evans who has worked tirelessly to ensure another great year at Ryburn, supported by her leadership colleagues.

Many thanks to Emily Cummings (Achievement Evening) and John Cotgrave (Performing Arts Evening) at Honley for their fantastic efforts in coordinating two fabulous events.

What's coming up for the central team

As alluded to earlier in this bulletin, the central team is undergoing significant development, with a number of key appointments being made. These alongside our shared vision and clear strategic development plan will help ensure that Together Learning Trust goes from strength to strength. We look forward to sharing with you in the autumn term the specific roles and responsibilities of the team and the impact we expect to make.

Growing, Excelling and Learning Together

We would like to thank all of our staff, pupils and stakeholders for their incredible support and contributions again this academic year. The trust has come a long way in the last twelve months and this is just the beginning. As we have been able to return to a more normal way of working, it has been delightful to see the collaboration between and across our schools, ensuring that all the children and young people in our care receive truly magical learning experiences.

We hope everyone has a wonderful summer holiday and we look forward to continuing our journey together in 2022-2023.

Over to you

In each issue of this bulletin, we will leave you with a question or idea to reflect upon.

CONSIDER:

Who would you like to collaborate with more closely next year to support and develop both of you?