

Standing out, standing together.

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Welcome to a new and exciting academic year across Together Learning Trust. It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome back staff and pupils. Our schools have reopened with a fresh sense of purpose, reinvigorated by a well-deserved break and by the challenges and opportunities a new year brings. Thank you to all of our colleagues across the Trust for making the start to the new term such a success. This edition will provide some key updates and outline the exciting things we have planned.

Together Learning Trust news from the last term

Trust Training Platform

In September we were delighted to launch our first trust-wide online training platform. The platform provides us with the opportunity to coordinate key training and development opportunities across all schools, whilst also giving school leaders the autonomy to access training relevant to their individual setting. Furthermore, the platform contains a huge range of wellbeing and development content for our staff to access whenever they require. We have already used the platform successfully to deliver trust-wide Safeguarding and Child Protection Training to all colleagues.

Developing our team and services

With the news that we will formally welcome The Brooksbank School into our family of schools on 1 November, we have taken the opportunity to add capacity and quality to our central services. This has involved both a new structure and the appointment of additional personnel. These changes have significantly improved our School Improvement offer whilst also adding extra capacity and expertise to our Business and Operations team. We would like to welcome all our new colleagues to the team and we know, like us, you will find working alongside our schools an absolute delight.

Your expanded Together Learning Trust team

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If you would like more information regarding any aspect of our central services or would like to speak to one of the team about how they may be able to support you, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Highlights from around our schools

Estates development

Our school estates were a hive of activity over the summer period, with significant developments happening across a number of our schools.

Ryburn's newly extended canteen and additional classroom space help the school cater for the increase in pupil numbers, providing high quality spaces in which young people can work, learn and develop.

Meltham Moor EYFS department has had a major redevelopment including the remodelling and refurbishment of the Reception classroom, a new enclosed canopy area for Nursery and the resurfacing of the adjacent outdoor play area. The school has also improved safety and security by the installation of new fencing and gates, reduced energy bills and expense with LED lighting throughout the school, and eye catching, inviting new signage welcoming visitors.

Thanks largely to the incredible fundraising efforts of the staff, parents and local community, **Netherton Infant and Nursery School** were able to unveil their new, purpose built Nurture Room this September. offering vital extra space and provision for pupils. They have also significantly redeveloped the outdoor areas, providing safe, vibrant and exciting spaces for children to learn and play.

Children at **Bolton Brow** will benefit from a new hard surface, multi-use games area suitable for a range of school activities as well as providing additional space for pupils at break and lunch times.

Planning continues to ensure that **Honley High** benefits from the much needed Pupil Entrance development, set to begin in the new year. The project will also include new toilets for students and additional meeting spaces.

Key areas of the **Brooksbank School** have been improved through a significant programme of works, including new student toilets, improved circulation spaces and a full redecoration of main corridors. This work compliments the earlier work undertaken by our friends at the Education Exchange to significantly improve site security.

Exam success

We are delighted to report pleasing results for pupils across the end of phase examinations. Our KS2 pupils performed well and demonstrated their readiness for secondary school. Whilst at KS4 and KS5, our students achieved excellent outcomes. A huge congratulations to all our young people and thank you to our colleagues who helped prepare our students so effectively.

“Pupils swell with pride when they talk about their school” - Ryburn’s Ofsted report

We are delighted to share with you the outcome of the recent Ofsted inspection of Ryburn. The inspection deemed that Ryburn continues to be a good school with a number of exceptional features, not least the “strong, vibrant and welcoming community”. Many congratulations to the staff, students and families of Ryburn on this excellent and very deserved judgement. The full report can be found at www.rvhs.co.uk/news/ofsted-report

Exceptional Open Evenings

Our secondary schools have all done a fantastic job organising and delivering exceptional Open Evenings for prospective students and their families, themed around [growth and the richness and wonder of the natural world](#). The atmosphere in all three schools was electric and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

Our Student Leaders and Student Ambassadors have excelled, exemplifying the confident, articulate, exceptional young people we have the pleasure of working with across all Together Learning Trust schools. Huge thanks and congratulations to all the staff and pupils involved and thanks also to our central team colleagues for their fantastic support.

School branding on point

Developing your school's brand goes beyond bums on seats, helping to build a confidence and sense of quality that your whole community can buy into.

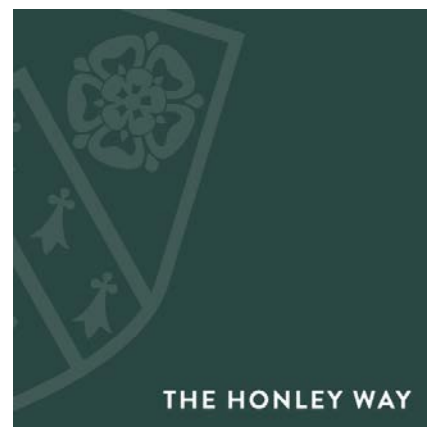
In the run up to their open evenings, each high school worked with Joëlle on unique messaging and branding, producing three prospectuses to be proud of and distinctive messaging that will strengthen and inform school communications. A tremendous amount of work.

Check out the new prospectuses:

[The Brooksbank School](#)

[Honley High School](#)

[Ryburn Valley High School](#)



What's coming up for the central team

Our team has been working hard developing our new five year strategic plan and we can't wait to share this with you all soon. Our Comms Team have also been working on a new Together Learning Trust website. It is looking fabulous, with a few final details needed before we can proudly launch, watch this space!

As our extended team settles in, we look forward to bringing you the many examples of their impact working alongside our schools. This will include developments across a range of school improvement areas, such as, curriculum development, teaching and learning, behaviour management, safeguarding, student leadership and personal development. Supporting this, our business and operations team will be providing high quality support across the full spectrum of business services, including finance, HR, compliance, estate management, as well as continuing to ensure our communication strategy is sector leading. It really is an exciting time to be part of Together Learning Trust.