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PRAYER

Dear Lord,
We ask for Your blessing as we open our doors to a new academic year across our school trust family.
Grant our pupils curiosity, joy, and the courage to flourish. Fill our teachers and staff with patience, energy, and wisdom as they guide and nurture every child in their care. May our schools continue to be places of warmth, inclusion, and hope, where every community member feels valued and supported.
Guide our steps, strengthen our shared vision, and walk with us through all the opportunities and challenges ahead.
Amen.

A very warm welcome back to the start of our autumn term!

I hope you all had a wonderful, relaxing summer break and are feeling recharged for the new academic year ahead.

September always brings a special sense of energy and opportunity—from welcoming our newest pupils and staff to seeing our returning students take their next big steps forward. This term is packed with fresh possibilities, inspiring learning journeys, and plenty of events across our trust family.

Thank you for your continued dedication, enthusiasm, and partnership.

Let's make this term our best one yet!

Have a great weekend
Sean

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Joining our academy trust as a volunteer offers a rewarding opportunity to shape the future of our schools and make a lasting impact on our young people. At the governance level, we welcome Members to act as guardians of the trust's ethos and vision, and Trust Board Directors to provide strategic oversight, financial stewardship, and educational accountability. At the local layer, Local Governors play a crucial hands-on role in supporting individual schools, ensuring community engagement, and monitoring local priorities. Whether you bring expertise in finance, HR, strategy, or simply a passion for improving children's lives, we would love to welcome your skills into our governance community.

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LEARNING TO LEARN WEEK

As part of our exciting 'Learning to Learn' Week, pupils across the trust have been stepping outside the traditional classroom to build connections, confidence, and community! A highlight for many has been the annual teacher-led camp-outs, where children and staff gather around the campfire to get to know one another in a relaxed, hands-on environment. By sharing stories, working through team challenges, and spending time together outdoors, our students are discovering how trust, collaboration, and strong relationships form the foundation for a successful and happy year of learning ahead.



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ROALD DAHL

Magic and mischief were in the air across our trust as our schools for our annual Roald Dahl Day celebration! Pupils and staff truly outdid themselves, stepping into the shoes of their favorite characters—from Matilda and Willy Wonka to the BFG and Fantastic Mr. Fox. Dressed in their finest, most creative costumes, children spent the day diving into Dahl's extraordinary stories, sharing their favorite books, creating culinary delights and celebrating the power of imagination.

Thank you to all our families for helping make the day so memorable and vibrant!



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