

### Dear members of our Trust community,

On behalf of Trustees I would like to thank our schools for another amazing year. We know how hard and diligently everyone has worked to ensure all our students settled well and experienced a positive return to school last September. We know that throughout the year they have been well supported and able to catch-up where learning had been lost. The very high quality of the teaching and learning offer across the Trust has enabled students to enjoy school and make good and better progress in their learning and development. It has also been very clear to Trustees how the general health and well-being of students has been prioritised by our schools and staff.

All schools in the Trust have ended the school year in a strong place and ready to move forward in September. In addition, at our last Board Meeting of the school year, Trustees were delighted to hear about other recent successes and want to send our congratulations and very best wishes to:

- Grange School for winning the MEN Primary School of the year and the School Games Gold Award
- Piper Hill for achieving their Autism Accreditation
- CHS South for winning the MEN School in the Community Award and achieving the Silver One Education Reading Award
- MEA for achieving the Bronze One Education Reading Award
- Prospect House for having a seamless move to their new building
- Pioneer House for achieving the Skills Builder Gold plus award and 100% in their Gatsby benchmarks
- Chorlton High School for being finalists in TES Secondary School of the Year Award and TES School of the Year for Staff Wellbeing Award.
- MEA Central for a highly successful year with their first year 11 cohort, finishing with a fabulous prom

Finally we hope that you all have a good summer.

**Jenny Andrews, Chair of Trustees** (on behalf of all Trustees)

## PROSPERE PRIDE

Our schools celebrated Pride Month 2022, 50 years since the first ever Pride took place, with events and activities raising awareness of LGBTQ+ issues and continually creating a **community of belonging**. Parents, families, and special guests were invited to join the celebrations; Carl Austin Behan, LGBT Advisor to Manchester Mayor Andy Burnham joined the Pride event at Grange's Imagination Village whilst the students at CHS South joined their local community at the Whalley Range Pride Festival, parading the streets with banners and dancing and singing with the band. Prospect House decorated progressive rainbow flags and made class banners for their school parade, marching along to 'this is me' from Greatest Showman and 'Proud' by Heather Small and CHS invited 'Just Like Us', the LGBTQ+ Young People's charity to work with students. Alongside celebrations and events, our libraires displayed their LGBTQ+ collections and MEA Central students devised performances at the Lowry on identities and gender. MEA's Pride month was recognised by Manchester Healthy Schools in their Special Commendations newsletter,

**"Manchester Enterprise Academy (MEA) went above and beyond simply marking this occasion and brought Pride Month to life through a vibrant whole school agenda, focusing on inclusivity and positive visibility at every level within the school community."**

Our Pride celebrations are still ongoing with schools holding events until the last week of term!



## TRAINING TO TEACH

This term has been a celebratory one for our trainees with many already obtaining secured jobs and fantastic training and coaching being delivered from amazing mentors from all corners of the Trust. Keep an eye out for these fresh faces, many will be in our schools in September. We would love to wish good luck to everyone and a huge thank you to everyone who has supported this talented cohort. A massive well done from Catherine, Andy and Sean, your very proud professional mentors.



We also want to offer our warmest congratulations to our Primary SEND students for completing their PGCE with QTS. They have been a very impressive cohort, feedback from partner schools and mentors has been complimentary and has recognised the considerable impact trainees have had in their placement schools. We are excited for you to move onto the next phase of your journey.



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## PROSPERE CAREER PROGRESSION - APPRENTICESHIPS

Through the upcoming newsletters, we will share case studies of staff who have progressed their careers within the Trust, in this edition, we focus on apprenticeships and would like to share Kay's story. Kay completed an apprenticeship with us which enabled her to progress her career in the Trust.



### KAY BROWNLIE // Head of Catering

Kay is Head of Catering, managing a large team of staff across our schools who provide a balanced varied choice of meals for students and staff.

- ♀ **2019 - Catering Group Manager for two schools, began Operations Departmental Manager Apprenticeship (Level 5)**
- ♂ **2021 - Head of Catering for the Trust**

### Why did you choose to start an apprenticeship?

I was aware that the Trust could offer apprenticeship training and I was looking to grow my career and wanted professional and personal development. Doing an apprenticeship meant that I could do this alongside my job and get support from my employer. It's important to me as a manager to lead by example and encourage other staff to develop their skills.

### How did you make the journey from being an apprentice to your current position?

Previously I worked for the catering service who provided for some of the Trust schools, my role was Group Manager for two schools. As I took on the apprenticeship and the Trust centralised it's services, I was able to take on the role of Head of Catering for the Trust and manage a team who deliver a high quality service to all our schools.

### How did the Trust support you during the course of your apprenticeship?

The Trust provided study time, and resources such as access to computers and printing.

### What are the rewards of doing an apprenticeship?

Developing the discipline required to complete the course has helped in my job. The knowledge gained has given me confidence in my new role with the Trust and sharing new skills with the team has been very rewarding.

### Would you recommend apprenticeships to others?

I cannot recommend it highly enough, both personally and professionally.



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# PROSPERE SCHOOLS NEWS

## CHORLTON HIGH SCHOOL



In May, it was revealed that a panel of expert awards judges; including school leaders, inspectors, and education researchers from across the UK, had shortlisted CHS for the TES Secondary School of the Year Award and TES School of the Year for Staff Wellbeing Award.



This term Ms Morris, Headteacher, and a delegation of outstanding staff members, who's superb contribution was responsible for this successful shortlisting, travelled to London as guests' attendees at the prestigious TES School Awards 2022. Whilst CHS were not outright winners on the night, they received special commendation for their excellent Staff Wellbeing initiatives and were one of only eight institutions, shortlisted for Secondary School of the Year in 2022!

A fantastic and worthy testament to the amazing dedication of all involved.

## PROSPECT HOUSE

This half term has seen the pupils of Prospect House explore their new school building in line with topics in both Computing (Marvellous Maps) and Geography (Our School). This has given them the opportunity to learn in state of art environments such as the Hydrotherapy pool, Immersive Learning Room and Sensory Integration Room. The students have settled in to the school wonderfully and continue to explore their new surroundings with engaging learning sessions.



## MEA

What an amazing day! 20 of MEA's Year 10 students took part in an aspirational visit to Oxford University giving students a taste of undergraduate life, for the day. Students explored the stunning Corpus Christie College campus, took part in a science challenge workshop, ate lunch in what felt part of a Harry Potter movie, had a tour of Oxford city centre and met some inspirational and motivating Student Ambassadors. This was a great opportunity to ask questions and discover more about the options into Higher Education. The students did MEA proud and thoroughly enjoyed an informative day with a glimpse into university life! MEA has been awarded BW3's 'school of the year' for 2022-23 and we look forward to students gaining many opportunities and experiences from this partnership.

## GRANGE

Grange School are delighted to have won Primary School of the Year and Secondary School of the Year at the MEN School Awards.

Both awards are given to the school who in the opinion of the judges have had an outstanding academic year. The awards were presented at the Macdonald Manchester Hotel on Friday 8th July. The awards are a testament to all the work the staff do at Grange and an absolute reflection of everyone's hard work and dedication- well done team Grange!



## PIPER HILL

Piper Hill Post 16 students Akash Saji and Aliena Amin have been awarded first prize in the Manchester Green Bee design competition! Their winning entry was a proposal for a sensory path to be developed on the school site. Akash and Aliena measured the area and designed their own plans for the path using traditional sketching as well as the online program Smartdraw. They considered the need for wheelchair and walking frame access as well as how the path could incorporate different sensory elements so all our students could enjoy it. They took their designs and proposal display to show at the Bee Green Education summit at Connell Co-op College where they talked this through with many of the attendees. The plan was submitted to SLT who agreed to the path being developed and a landscape company will come in over summer to turn their ideas into reality.



## CHS SOUTH

The Great Get Together is an initiative inspired by the late Jo Cox designed to bring people together to celebrate what they have in common. To celebrate this, students at CHS South joined together to host a brilliant oracy showcase. Performances displayed oracy skills from different curriculum areas, ranging from passionate poetry, inspiring ignite speeches and collaborative dancing.

Team English opened the showcase with Year 7 performing their own poems based on where they are from. The Maths team created riddles so that they could explain their methods to the audience and Science explored the greatest inventions of all time!

Local councillor Andrew Simcock joined the showcase and explored the importance of oracy and public speaking as we grow and move through life. A local poetry company – Young Identity – also joined, sharing how poetry can be used to express our feelings and identity.

## PIONEER HOUSE

Pioneer House High School value and celebrate national events, as part of their British Values offer and this term they celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in style. Students had a fun packed day, with face painting, craft activities, a fantastic music workshop, skateboarding with the team from "Projekt", a book fair, where every student received 5 free books to take home, a

Queen Lizzie competition, a street party and a traditional afternoon tea...all whilst enjoying a performance from the Sale Brass Band. Students had a wonderful time marking this special occasion and experiencing many traditional elements throughout the day.



## MEA CENTRAL

MEAC Students took part in a performance at The Lowry last month exploring double standards being set for women and men, as well as raising the voices of young people. This was part of the future leader's programme. The students wrote, devised, and rehearsed a piece completely from scratch that was insightful and used powerful articulation about their thoughts on feminism and gender equality. There were also performances on LGBT+ identities. Staff members Rebecca Adson and Tyler Hunter are attending the Festival of Education and are giving a talk about challenging inequality in education with a focus on LGBT+ students. Rebecca also curated the LGBT+Ed section of the festival on Friday the 8th of July.

