



Three Counties Academy Trust  
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## Dear Parents, Carers and Colleagues,

As we draw the academic year to a close, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the past year and to thank you sincerely for your continued support and partnership across the TCAT family of schools.

This has been a year of growth, resilience and real achievement across all of our schools. Whether in classrooms, on sports fields, in performances or within our local communities, our pupils have continued to impress us with their hard work, creativity, and determination. Their achievements, both big and small, are a daily reminder of what we can accomplish when Trust, school, family, and community work together.

This year I am immensely proud of the performance in our primary schools. St. Peter's, Stoke Prior and Bredenbury all secured SATs scores significantly higher than the national average. To our Year 6 pupils you have made us all very proud, and we wish you every success as you move on to the High School of your choice. Similarly, we await the results for our secondary pupils in August with anticipation of further success.

I must also pass particular congratulations to the staff, parents, pupils and all concerned with both Bredenbury and St. Peter's for their inspection results. Both schools represent the absolute best of what we are seeking to achieve through our Trust values of Pride, Ambition, Creativity and Empathy, and both showed this to Ofsted inspection teams when they visited in the summer term. What fantastic outcomes for both schools to be shown as providing a securely good education for the pupils.

We face ongoing curriculum changes to navigate whilst also planning exciting developments in pastoral care and inclusion across the Trust. It will no doubt be a busy summer of planning and responding to the ever-changing nature of education, however we will endeavour to ensure we both communicate any developments to you but also engage with you proactively where at all possible when implementing any change.

Within our Central Team at TCAT we have said goodbye, temporarily, to Mrs Lane. Many of you will have worked alongside or with Mrs Lane across the 14 years she spent at QE and TCAT specifically. Her knowledge and diligence in respect of safeguarding the pupils and her work with inclusion have been at the highest level. She has, as many of you will have been aware, been seconded to Lugwardine Primary Academy as their Acting Headteacher for the majority of this year and this is a post she has now taken up permanently. Lugwardine will shortly be joining the TCAT family of schools so in wishing Mrs Lane the very best for her future as Headteacher of Lugwardine, we will also see her back within the TCAT fold shortly. This has allowed us to reorganise a little in the Central Team. Many of you know Mr Jones, our Education Welfare Officer, who will now add safeguarding support to the school safeguarding teams in his new role as Trust Education Welfare and Safeguarding Support Officer. Similarly, Mrs Taylor will pick up extra responsibilities in her new role of Trust Assistant SENCO and Inclusion Support Officer. We wish them both the best in those appointments where they have already shown high levels of commitment and proficiency.

We have also seen a lot of investment across the TCAT estate. QE now have the use of a 3G artificial pitch and 2 new tennis/netball courts, and these facilities will also be soon bookable as community resources. We were successful as a Trust for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in securing significant Condition Improvement Funding (CIF). In the summer, QE will receive a full security make over which will be very apparent on the first day back. Bear with us whilst this is all put in place and please do read any communications directly from school as and when we can release further details. Needless to say, the QE site is fully out of bounds to all visitors during the summer break whilst work takes place. Along with the 3G pitch and tennis facilities, this represents some £800,000 of investment in QE this year, with a further £250,000 earmarked for water works at St. Peter's later in the year. Our Chief Finance Officer Mrs Wiles and our site team led by the Trust Estate Manager Mr Weighill, work tirelessly to source and bid for this funding and deliver these improvements for which they have my highest praise.



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Looking ahead to 2025–26, we remain focused on ensuring that every child in a TCAT school can thrive, academically, socially, and emotionally. Each school has highly competent leadership and staff, ready to work with parents to deliver the best for all of the children. Key priorities next year will include deepening our work on inclusion and wellbeing, further developing leadership at all levels, and expanding opportunities for enrichment and aspiration across our communities. We are excited about new projects and partnerships already in development, which will support us in achieving these goals.

To our parents, thank you, once again, for the support you provide, not just to your children, but to the schools and staff who serve them. Your encouragement, feedback and engagement make a real difference. Together, we are helping to build schools that are not only high achieving, but also joyful, caring, and ambitious places to grow up.

To our staff, we could not do it without your hard work and dedication. Your commitment to the children that attend our schools is without question, and I wish you a restful summer break before we engage in a new academic year.

And finally, to the TCAT Central Team, I know how hard you work to ease the load so that the teams in our schools can concentrate on what they do best. The work you do so diligently in the background has real and lasting impact and I am proud of the contribution you all make to making TCAT a success.

On behalf of all of us at Three Counties Academy Trust, I wish you and your family a peaceful, safe, and refreshing summer break. We look forward to welcoming pupils back in September for what promises to be another exciting year.

**Best wishes,**

*Martin Farmer*

**Chief Executive Officer  
Three Counties Academy Trust**

Queen Elizabeth High School



St. Peter's Primary School



BREDENBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL



Stoke Prior Primary School

