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Welcome



Catherine Anwaı CEO

Welcome to the final Summit Roundup of the year, and my final Roundup as CEO. I have thoroughly enjoyed the last five years leading our Trust, overcoming the considerable challenges, and working with amazing colleagues to raise standards across all our academies. Together, we've made sure that the experiences of our children and young people are so much better, and this has been recognised by Ofsted too. The latest inspection, at Yarnfield Primary School saw the school achieve its first 'good' judgment in its history – along with judgments of 'outstanding' for leadership and personal development. Our work on challenging discrimination and promoting equality, diversity and inclusion has made a real difference across our Trust, and we're now recognised as a sector leader in this area. My enormous thanks to all my colleagues across Summit for their work and support over the last five years.

Of course, none of this work would have been possible without the support of all our parents and carers – a huge thank you to all of you.

I'm delighted to be able to leave Summit in such good shape for the next CEO, Vince Green, to be able to continue with the next phase of improvement, and to #ScaleNewHeights.

After 34 years in education I'm looking forward to more free time, as well as to a range of exciting national consultancy work with leaders, schools and Trusts. I look forward to hearing about the next wonderful achievements of the Summit Academies over the next few years.

Have a wonderful summer break.

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Latest from South Birmingham SCITT

The Summer Term is always a busy one in terms of Initial Teacher Education as the Trainee Teachers step up in their timetable load, complete assessments and look to secure their first teaching post. The 2021/2022 cohort have embraced the challenges and opportunities of the summer term with great determination, and we are incredibly proud of all that they have achieved.

As part of the Department for Education's 'Golden Thread' to support a seamless transition between the Initial Teacher Training year and the Early Career Framework, the past 12 months have seen a number of reforms suggested within the ITT sector, including the process of accreditation for all providers hoping to offer Teacher Training from 2024 onwards. On Monday 16th May, after a long wait and a lot of anticipation, we received the news that the bid submitted by South Birmingham SCITT was successful in passing Stage One of the accreditation process. We are immensely proud of the curriculum on offer, the quality of training provided at all levels and the strength of the partnerships. We are delighted that these strengths have been recognised and we are looking forward to preparing for Stage Two of the process and continuing to work in collaboration with schools and academies across the partnership. A massive thank you to the Management and Development Board and colleagues from across the partnership for their support, guidance and advice in writing the bid.

In order to explore some of the opportunities that the city of Birmingham can offer to develop Cultural Capital, we headed to a very sunny city centre on Friday 26th May to visit Birmingham Central Library and Birmingham Art Gallery and museum. The cultural literacy day highlighted the benefits of utilising the resources and experiences on offer from the library and the museums, and of learning outside the classroom.

A huge thank you to all of our School Based Trainers for all the time and support they have invested in the trainees this year – the work you do is integral to the success of the trainee teachers and is massively appreciated by all at South Birmingham SCITT. This term we have offered the Teacher Educator Programme Level Two to a wonderful team of mentors who are already involved in mentoring or aspire to be in the future. The sessions have provided lots of great insights into the role of mentoring and coaching and have been TEPtastic! A huge thank you to Emma Thomas for leading on these sessions.

It has been brilliant over the past few weeks to listen to the Progress Over Time presentations, read the summer reflections and to get into classrooms to see all the Trainee Teachers in action. On Thursday 7th July we celebrated the end of the course with our graduation event. We were delighted to welcome James Coleman, from the National Association of School Based Teacher Training, to share advice and wisdom with our trainees on thriving and not just surviving as a teacher. Following a great speech

from Course Leader, Emma Thomas, prizes and certificates were awarded. It has been a pleasure and privilege working with the 2021 – 2022 cohort and we are confident that they will continue on their journey to becoming excellent practitioners and the educational leaders of the future. We wish all our Trainee Teachers the best of luck for a long and fulfilling career in teaching, and we look forward to hearing about the progress they make in the future.



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Allyship and Advocacy

Welcome

It has been another busy term of Professional Learning at Summit Learning Trust with a range of events taking place during the Summer Term and lots of planning and preparation for the next academic year.





The Summer Term started with a reflection on our Summit Learning Trust INSET day in April which focused on building on our awareness of ADD moving towards allyship and advocacy. Following on from keynote speeches from Cathy Anwar and Adrian McLean, all colleagues from across the trust had the opportunity to attend 3 workshops, covering a vast range of ADD topics. A huge thank you to Louise Quinlan and Costas Tzartzalis and the IT Team for all their support in setting up the day and allowing 100's of people to access the sessions from the comfort of their own home. The instant evaluations on the Padlets, and the questionnaire which followed the event revealed how colleagues are feeling increasingly more aware and confident in themes linked to ADD. Professional Learning on ADD remains a strategic priority as we move into 2022 – 2023 and the regular opportunities to engage with events will continue.

We have welcomed a range of guest speakers from the world of education to Summit Learning Trust this term, including Jonathan Lear, author of Guerrilla Teaching and Monkey Proof Box. Jonathan spent the morning with our 4 Primary Academies on Monday 6th June exploring the idea of creativity in the curriculum and the impact that this has on our learners. Jonathan's session was built upon in the afternoon with a great session from Usha Devi with all primary teachers and leaders, linked to planning for progression within the curriculum, and Christa Vines and Kiran Kanda continuing their excellent programme for Primary Teaching Assistants and HTLAs.

Summit Leaders Conference

On the afternoon of Friday 24th June Leaders from across the trust came together at Birmingham's Think Tank for the Summit Leaders' Conference. This event promoted cross academy and cross phase collaboration in securing the strategic priorities of Summit Learning Trust in Scaling New Heights. Following a keynote message from Vince Green on the 10 priorities linked to Mission, Vision and Values, leaders were joined by (surprise) guest speaker Sir David Carter, who discussed the power of working collaboratively within Multi Academy Trusts. Informed and inspired by these messages, leaders spent a productive afternoon discussing how ideas can be turned into actions. Before hearing from Birmingham's Poet Laureate, Casey Bailey, on the transformative power of education and some of his amazing poems! Once again, a huge thanks to Louise Quinlan for her magnificent organisational skills.



Coaching

The second cohort of coaches following Andy Buck's BASIC coaching method has been working hard towards the deadline of submitting their reflective journals and recording their video conversations for assessment. A huge thank you to Anne Marie Keane for all her continued work on leading the coaching programme and establishing the strong foundations for a coaching culture at Summit. From September 2022 our qualified team of coaches will be available to work colleagues from across the trust – listen out for details at the INSET days in September.







Aligned and Autonomous Curriculum Programmes

KS3 teams have been busy adding the finishing touches to the aligned and autonomous curriculum programmes. As part of the quality assurance process, and in line with the underpinning principles linked to ADD, Literacy and Challenge for all, the Summit Lead Practitioners carried out an audit linked to the where, who and what of representation – this revealed the rich and varied opportunities which are being offered across the academies, and it will be great to see this develop over 2022 – 2023.

Early Career Teachers

Congratulations to our Early Career Teachers, their mentors and the Induction Tutors across the academies, who have demonstrated real resilience and flexibility this year in tackling new systems of induction with BrightSpace and assessment with Ark. It has been fantastic to work with the both the First and Second Year ECTs and explore a range of topics linked to the Teacher Standards, in addition to seeming them in action in lessons and also in carrying out lesson study. As part of the Second Year ECT programme we were delighted to welcome along Sonia Thompson, Principal at St. Matthew's Research School to discuss her recent book on An Ethic of Excellence in Action – a great session which really reinforced ideas around challenge for all.

Summit Concierge Team

Outside of the classroom, we were delighted to meet with the Summit Concierge Team for one last session in June and to award certificates of participation to our brilliant front of house staff from across all our academies. Following on from the sessions on customer service with Dr.Olga Kampaxi of University College Birmingham, the team finalised the Summit Concierge Team Charter which will be shared with all colleagues in September 2022.

Professional Learning Leads

A massive thank you to the Professional Learning Leads in each of the home academies for the professional learning that they are facilitating within their schools and for the promotion of the Professional Learning Institute. The excellent work of the Professional Learning Leads alongside Vince Green, Usha Devi and the Summit Lead Practitioners has resulted in a training plan for 2022/2023 which links into the strategic aims of Summit Learning Trust, and will provide a range of valuable professional learning opportunities for staff across Summit in #ScalingNewHeightsTogether.

Many Thanks - Becs Lillington





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University Visits for all of Year 9

All of our Year 9 students have visited a range of universities, such as Oxford, Cambridge, the University of Birmingham, Coventry University and also Birmingham City University. Students learned more about what going to university entails and were encouraged to think about future career pathways. They met with current university students and lecturers on their visits and were able to ask them questions about what going to university is like, as well as touring the campus grounds and some of the university buildings.

The visits, which provided students with chances to adapt to different environments, broaden their aspirations, build their social awareness skills and enabled students to make links between their schoolwork and their lives moving forward.



Visits by Alumni

We also recently welcomed back former student, and local author, Don Neal to the school to place copies of his book in the school library.

Don presented two copies of his book Guns and Bugles, which is a history of the 6th Battalion KSLI Royal Artillery, to the school library. The book is based on the exploits and war service of his father's regiment. It is the result of six years of research and includes both interviews with the men who were there and letters from other members, which have arrived from all parts of the UK, as well as a gallery of over 120 photos.



Don attended Cockshut Hill School from 1961 -1964 when the school was a separated girls and boys' school. Whilst touring the school, Don was able to reminisce about his sporting life at school, as he had been a keen rugby player and he even found a picture of himself on the wall of the Kevin Turner Suite. He was able to also remember many of his old teachers from the photographs.

In addition, we also welcomed back former student, Katy Ward to give a talk to some selected Key Stage 3 girls about her life in sport. Kate came to Cockshut Hill School from 1996-2000, and in her first year there were no girls football teams. Under the then PE Teacher, Miss Guy, teams were created which was when Kate's love of the game was fostered. She went on to play for Birmingham City ladies, Aston Villa ladies, Coventry City Ladies and also represented England at Under16, Under 18 and Under 19 levels, retiring due to injury.



Year 11 Big Hitters

On another sporting note, as we said goodbye to all of our Year 11's, we found out the news that one of them, Amir Khan has secured a professional contract to play for Warwickshire Cricket Club. Amir began his cricketing career at Sheldon Marlborough Cricket Club, moving to Knowle and Dorridge and started in the Warwickshire system in the Under 10's team, scoring more than 1000 runs in the Warwickshire teams last year. We wish him and all of our Year 11 students all the best for the future.

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Commonwealth 'Bring the Power' workshops

Pupils across the school have taken part in 'Bring the Power' Commonwealth Games workshops, run by Aspire Sports. They have enjoyed learning about different Commonwealth Games sports and then had the opportunity to participate in some of these activities. These included wheelchair races, netball, boxing and volleyball. Alongside this, we have all been learning about our incredible city and the importance of the Commonwealth games for Birmingham. We even had a special visit from Perry the Commonwealth Games mascot!



History Workshops On 6 February 2022, Queen Elizabeth II became the first British monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years of service to the people of the United Kingdom, the Realms and the Commonwealth. We wanted to mark this occasion by dedicating the last week of summer 1 to learning about the Queen, including her reign, significant events during her life and what is was like in the decades from 1920-modern day.

We planned an exciting week, based around engaging texts: The Queen's Hats and Little People, Big Dreams Queen Elizabeth. Every Key Stage 2 class spent the week learning about a decade from the Queen's life and then presented their findings to the school.

On Friday 27th May, pupils and staff dressed up to celebrate. In the afternoon, everyone joined together on the playaround for afternoon tea! We even had a life-sized cut-out of the Queen for pictures and selfies!





Pegasus Primary School SUMMIT LEARNING TRUST

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Educational Visits

Our children have been on some wonderful educational visits this term to support their learning in the curriculum. From being 'down on the farm' in our Reception class, to going on a dinosaur hunt at the West Midlands Safari Park, paddling at the seaside in Weston Super Mare, learning about the cocoa bean to bar journey at Cadbury World (there were some very chocolatey faces at the end of the day!), experiencing all kinds of reptiles at the Botanical Gardens and finally overcoming fears at Spring Lakes aqua park. Our children are buzzing about it all.



We had a visit from Perry, the Commonwealth Games mascot who entertained us whilst teaching us all about the Commonwealth Games. We have been given our own Commonwealth Games baton from the Castle Vale Partnership which we are very excited about. All our children took part, not only in Sports' Days but also in Commonwealth Games day where the children experienced wheelchair racing, volleyball, athletics, netball and boxing! It has been a jam-packed, action filled term and we can't wait for September to see what else we can pack in!





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Leading Change

What a term! It's been a very busy and exciting one, as we attempt to get back to normal and run our usual trips and events after the disruption of Covid.

At the end of June, we said farewell to our Year 11 students, after an intense year of period 5s (and sometimes period 6s!), where staff and students have worked their socks off to achieve the outcomes they deserve. Year 11s enjoyed a wonderful Leavers' Assembly and Prom at the Village Hotel.

June also saw 12 coaches' worth of students attend Drayton Manor for a very hot but enjoyable day. The students who attended were able to do so due to achieving high standards of attendance and behaviour throughout the year.

Performance at the Summit Learning Trust Awards

On 5th July, three of our EAL (English as an Additional Language) students, Ismael Armani (Year 9), Shapoor Hussainkhail and Latifullha Shapoor (both Year 10) gave a wonderful performance at the SLT Awards. They read the poem On, On and Onwards by Ghani Khan, in English and then in their native Pashto. It's a very big deal for an EAL student to take on something like this in the Great Hall of University of Birmingham, and we are very proud of them.



Summit Spelling Bee

On 12th July, we took our 5 finalists to Solihull 6th Form College for the Summit Learning Trust Spelling Bee Finals. Our fabulous 5 were Musa Aslam (Year 9), Hasan Ahmed (Year 10), Kaci-Jo Booth-Bowen (Year 7), Dilan Chapaneri (Year 8) and Fayzan Mohammed (Year 8). Our team was absolutely amazing - words such as entrepreneur, bureaucracy or peripheral were no challenge for them!



Special congratulations to Kaci-Jo Booth-Bowen who won first prize as the Spelling Bee Champion 2022.

Forest of Dean Camp

In keeping with tradition since 1979, 76 students from Ninestiles enjoyed a wonderful week of camping at Biblins in the Forest of Dean, on the border of England and Wales.

They enjoyed activities such as walking, paddle boarding, climbing, abseiling and mountain biking. There was also a visit to a butterfly farm, hedge maze puzzle and a mini golf session. Our students had an amazing time; this was the first time many of them had ever experienced camping and the outdoorsy lifestyle but most of them have vowed to return next year. The camp-fire kept them warm and entertained - songs were sung around it whilst biscuits and hot chocolate were served. The weather was glorious, and they did not see a single drop of rain the whole week!

Some of the quotes overheard at camp:

"Do we need our passports when we walk into Wales?" and "This has been the best week of school ever!"

A big thank you to Mr. Croxall for organising camp and the 9 other members of staff who supported it – they worked very hard all week to make it a success, but they are all looking forward to Camp 2023.







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Year 8 ICT

really can be anything they want to be. At Lyndon School in ICT Year 8 learners have Cyber skills and Careers. This is integrated into their ICT curriculum. Well done Year 8. Mr Roberts.





Newly Appointed Prefects Well done to Rya Abbassi, Malak Atwi, Raveena Bansal, Tom Brown, Tameem Choudhury, Gurneet Rayat, Kimberly Shuen, William Storrie, Sam Thomas, Abigail Unlu, who were all successful in being appointed as prefects for the next academic year.



Multicultural Week 16th–20th May 2022

Before half-term, the community at Lyndon school celebrated a vast array of the diverse and embracing cultural diversity, and the UNICEF articles that are intrinsically woven in the

around the world who contributed to science, philosophy and contributions towards life-

Year 9 Outdoor Adventure Trip

At the start of July 10 intrepid Year 9 Learners went on an outdoor adventure trip to Brecon Beacons YHA. They climbed Pen y Fan. With Miss Knifton and Mr Mohammed who supported our learners.





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COLLEGE AWARD EVENING 2022

Students at Solihull Sixth Form College had their achievements recognised at the annual Awards Evening recently.

After holding the event online for the last two years due to the pandemic, the Awards Evening resumed in person this year and moved to a brand-new venue at the Core Theatre, part of Solihull Central Library. Awards were handed out for achievement in all our A level, BTEC and CACHE courses, as well as some extra-curricular prizes too.

The College's special guest for the evening was Nishan Canagarajah, President and Vice-Chancellor at the University of Leicester. Having been born and educated in Sri Lanka, Nishan moved to the UK to go to university and achieved BA (Hons) and PhD degree at the University of Cambridge. He went onto become internally recognised for his research on signal processing and texture classification and has championed equality, diversity and inclusion in HE. The University of Leicester works closely with the College, and so his presence to hand out the awards and offer advice to the students was especially welcome.

College Principal Martin Sullivan commented, "It was terrific to have Nishan Canagarajah present for our special evening. The majority of our students choose to progress onto university and so what Nishan had to say will have resonated strongly with most of our award winners. Teachers chose the students who won the awards and their decisions were not easy – the successes we highlighted are the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the achievements of our students and I'm confident that will be reflected when A level, BTEC and CACHE Diploma results are announced in August."



Also present at the Awards Evening were staff, parents, staff and governors from the Summit Learning Trust and the Mayor of Solihull.



STRETCH & CHALLENGE

Ambitious students at Solihull Sixth Form College received a boost to their Higher Education ambitions this term by attending the Stretch & Challenge Summer School.

114 of the highest achieving students in Year 12 at the College signed up to additional subject sessions and guest lectures to stretch their learning and challenge their critical thinking. Many will be applying to Russell Group universities, including Oxford and Cambridge Universities, which will require early applications, interviews and admissions tests. The Summer School sessions are aimed at assisting those students will the challenges they will face, by getting them to think critically and explore topics outside the curriculum.

Visiting speakers helped to get the students thinking about interesting and challenging topics. The Summer School started with a visiting lecture from Dr Steve Hewitt from the University of Birmingham, who spoke about the history of terrorism, policing and counter terrorism. Lucinda Rumsey MBE, a Senior Tutor at Mansfield College, University of Oxford, gave a virtual lecture about Oxbridge and how to aspire to be an Oxbridge student.

Other visiting speakers included a Biology lecture on Microscopy from Dr Mathieu di Miceli from Worcester University, a Criminology and Sociology talk on Cyber-crime from Matt Phillips at Birmingham City University and an Economics lecture from Dr Robert Riegler at Aston University. Leading mathematician Dr Nira Chamberlain OBE came in to deliver a Mathematics-related talk, while Abi Pacaud from Civil Engineers Mott McDonal gave a presentation on careers in Engineering. There was a Politics lecture about social media and politics from Dr Ross Abbinnett at the University of Birmingham.

Teachers at the College also delivered subject-specific sessions as part of the Summer School, with students able to book onto workshops across a range of curriculum areas including Business and Accounting, Computer Science, English, Film Studies and Media, Humanities, Law, Modern Foreign Languages, Performing Arts, Physics, Psychology, Social Sciences and Visual Arts.

The Summer School concluded with an additional Chemistry lecture at the end of the week, delivered by Dr Heather Rose from the University of Birmingham, who will be talking about the application of multi modal magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) in clinical research. A Medicine presentation from Newcastle University will be completed later this month.

Deborah Smail-Ross, a Modern Languages teacher and the Lead Co-ordinator for the Stretch & Challenge Summer School, commented: "It has been great to get so many visiting speakers onto campus in person. I'm grateful to all the brilliant academics who gave up their time to work with our students, delivering fascinating lectures that really got them thinking. Our own teaching staff have also been tremendously supportive and delivered some exciting and stretching workshops. The students who signed up are aiming for some of the most competitive Higher Education destinations in the country, but this Summer School has set them off on the right path and will help them make the best applications they are capable of."



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Outdoor entertainment

Good News

This has a superb term for the pupils and staff at Yarnfield Primary! We have tackled assessments with resilience and determination and have received some pleasing results! Well done everyone!

Not only that, we have had some OFSTED visitors who have deemed Yarnfield to be a good school with outstanding leadership and personal development! What a fantastic way to end a brilliant year.



We have held several whole school music experiences this year, and in the Summer term we have been able to do these outside in our wonderful playground.

Firstly, as part of our Jubilee celebrations, each year group learned and performed a song from a different decade and we 'Rocked around the clock' and 'Got by with a little help from our friends'



Thank you for the Music

Then more recently, we performed a live version of 'Reach for the Stars' to say goodbye to Cathy Anwar. The pupils and staff at Yarnfield presented Cathy Anwar with flowers to say 'Thank you' and to show our appreciation of her leadership as CEO.









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Prom

On Thursday 14th July our Year 6 children celebrated in style with their end of year leaving prom. The evening began with the arrival of the children, all adorned in their prom dresses and suits, looking absolutely stunning and so grown up!



The children then entered the beautifully decorated hall, where fully set tables awaited them, they chatted with their friends, ate their dinner of homecooked rice and delivery pizza and sang to their favourite songs. Next the tables were tidied away and the party really began, a child-selected song list was played while the child danced and played in the hall, even enjoying the odd dance off. All Year 6 children and staff had a wonderful evening.

Our Year 6 children have been amazing and it is with mixed emotions that we say goodbye to them. We are happy and excited for them to be moving on into the next phase of their lives where they will meet new friends and have new and exciting experiences and opportunities. But it is also with sadness that we say goodbye, as their exuberance, willingness to learn, and their positive attitude will be dearly missed by all the staff.

Music Day

On Friday 8th July, we celebrated music day, as a whole school. Each year group had a focus genre from country music in Nursery, Dance in Yr3, Hip Hop in Yr4 and Reggae in Year 6.

Throughout the fun filled day, each class had workshops delivered by Service for Education with a focus on various instruments, made fact files based on their focus genre, listened to music and had the chance for an outside boogie with music through the decades. All children and staff had a fantastic, music filled day.

Thank you to Mrs Guman for organising.

Art Day

On Friday 15th July, the whole school took part in their final Art day of this academic year. Back at the end of Summer 1, children all learnt about a famous sculptor, annotating pieces of their art work and then having a go at re-creating these pieces of art. On this Art day children have all created sculptures based around the Commonwealth Games 2022, in the style of their sculptor; such as Bert Flugelman and Anish Kapoor.







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