



December 2020

Creating Tomorrow Academy Trust – Chairs Report

Hello all

As we come to the end of 2020 (the strangest year I have ever lived through) – I think we will all breathe a sigh of relief and with the Covid vaccine being distributed we can look forward to 2021 and hopefully a return to some sort of normality.

I would like to take this opportunity to update Pupils, Parents and Staff on what has been happening within the Creating Tomorrow Academy Trust this year. Despite the lock-down and restrictions many great things have been achieved.

I would firstly like to thank the Trust Leadership Team (TLT), the Schools Leadership Teams (SLT), all the Teachers, Classroom Assistants and Support Staff at all the schools for the way they faced the Challenges that Covid brought, the children were kept safe, families were supported, we all learned how to use ZOOM and during the Lock-down education and support was given to all our children. Children of Keyworkers were supported in School which I know was appreciated by the families this helped.

We were proud to support Free School Meals for our children throughout the holidays to lessen the burden on parents and keep our children safe.

Daventry Hill School has had an interim Ofsted visit, concentrating on the Covid response and recovery curriculum. Interim visits are not graded, however the feedback given was very positive and praised the school for how they had managed the challenges. All the schools were supported by the Creating Tomorrow Leadership Team and working together kept everyone safe.

As planned last year, we have Head Teachers in all our schools and Kevin Latham is CEO across the Trust. The Trust Leadership Team have also moved to offices off the school sites. These changes have enabled the TLT to have an enhanced focus on the strategic leadership and growth of Creating Tomorrow. There has been significant growth within the Trust over the last year and other projects have been initiated which will come into fruition next year:

- Creating Tomorrow Multi Academy trust is now an Academy Sponsor (recognised by the DfE as having the ability to support other schools)
- Isebrook School now provide extra places in a Connected Provision in the Four Seasons Centre in Kettering.
- Rothwell Library has become a venue for The Studio, and a work environment for students to gain real work experience.

- A Specialist Post 16 College opened its doors in September – temporarily housed at the Four Seasons Centre. This will grow over the next few years as it moves to a new venue.
- We hope to welcome another school to the MAT in the new year
- A new SEN school is in the development stage that will be opened in Luton, this will also be part of our MAT.

As you can see a lot of work has been done to strengthen and grow Creating Tomorrow, these developments ensure we remain strong and can continue to plan and develop for the future. I would like to thank the Kevin, Esther and Anthea for their leadership on all of these projects – on top of supporting all the schools with their Covid response.

Our Mission Statement and Vision remain unchanged

Our Mission Statement:

Creating Tomorrow MAT is an inclusive community of learners building the skills and confidence to succeed in a changing world.

Our Vision:

- To create a learning journey from 0 to 25, for all children and young people
- For every child to become confident, capable, resilient, aspirational members of their communities.
- All learners will be challenged to be
 - Responsible Citizens
 - Successful Learners
 - Confident Individuals
- To develop an effective learning community that provides an excellent education for our pupils through highly effective collaboration based upon mutual support and challenge, across special and mainstream schools

These statements are at the forefront of all decisions taken, and we always strive to make best use of the expertise in the schools and the money available to give the best education and experience for all our pupils and staff.

As Trustees our focus is on supporting and challenging school leadership to ensure excellent student progression and outcomes in the schools, and remain a critical friend to ensure robust Governance within the Trust and each individual School.

The role of Trustees and Governors remains challenging and is of vital importance to the Governance of the schools and Trust. If you are interested in finding out more about these

voluntary roles, please contact myself or Ellie Edwards and we be more than happy to chat to you about the opportunities available.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and look forward to 2021.

Jeannette Payne

Chair of Trustees

Creating Tomorrow Multi Academy Trust.