

Welcome!

Welcome back to the new school year and I hope you all enjoyed a happy summer break! As always the month of September in schools has flown by and it has been a pleasure to see our students back in school and working hard. Over the summer there were some excellent examination results to celebrate. We had fantastic GCSE and A level results across our 2 settings with the vast majority of students gaining places at the destinations of their choice. We also had some really positive results across our primary schools which is particularly impressive given all the challenges of the past two years. Well done to everyone involved.



I would also like to extend a very warm welcome to the additional 900 children and students who joined CST schools this September.

For those parents who are new to a CST school, further information on our values, mission statement and strategic priorities is available [here](#). Collaboration is one of our core values and our aim as a family of schools is to ensure that all of our students and school communities benefit as a result of working closely together. We will provide more information on this as the academic year progresses.

Neil Blundell - Chief Executive Officer

Staff INSET day

We welcome an additional 100 employees to the trust this September and are looking forward to seeing them all in person at our trust wide training day which takes place on 31st October at Trinity Academy. Our theme for the day is inclusion and specifically the needs of children with SEND. We recognise that this is a national challenge and understand well the need to better support our children and families. We have some outstanding keynote speakers and workshops for our staff.



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Meet a CST Trustee - Stephen Parsons MBE DL

Stephen was a chorister at Bristol Cathedral School in the 1960s before reading Law at Leeds University.

He subsequently became Commercial Director and then Managing Director of Bristol Aerojet, a rocket business. It went on to diversify and successfully develop materials and a coating process which were licensed to US Aircraft engine manufacturers GE and Pratt and Whitney.

Returning to work in Bristol in the late 1990s he became Chair of Governors at Bristol Cathedral School in 2002 and led the Academy conversion project in 2007-2008.

Stephen is currently our Chair of Trustees at Cathedral Schools Trust (CST) which was formed in 2016 and is now a multi-academy trust of 9 schools in the Bristol area. He has been the Master of a London Livery Company and Chair of Quartet Community Foundation and became a Deputy Lieutenant of the County and City of Bristol in 2010.

Staff Spotlight - Shona O'Dwyer

Over the summer, Shona, a teacher of maths at Trinity Academy was part of the Team Wales netball team that competed at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham. She spent two weeks in the athletes village and attended both the Opening and Closing Ceremonies with Team Wales, as well as competing in matches against Jamaica, South Africa, Australia, Scotland, Barbados and Malawi. Shona started playing in primary school and after finding a love for the sport joined her local club. From there she progressed through the County and regional pathways and was selected to join the Team Bath franchise pathway at the age of 14. Shona represented Team Bath at all age groups (u17, u19 and u21) and became a super league training partner. Moving to university, she moved franchises to Severn Stars, where she made her super league debut. She is currently preparing to start her fourth season with Celtic Dragons this year where she plays WA and C.



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Estates update

As always it has been a busy summer in terms of work undertaken on our sites. The Trinity block at Bristol Cathedral Choir School has had a complete redecoration as well as works to the sports hall. At St Katherine's School we have had the tennis courts resurfaced and finally the fence at the front of Trinity Academy was completed and extended to include Stoke Park Primary School. Two new hygiene rooms were installed at Trinity Academy and Victoria Park Primary School which will be great for our students that will use them. The replacement of the windows at Stoke Park Primary School was finished just before the summer and some upgrading of the play equipment at St Werburgh's Primary School was also completed. Finally, the early years block at Hotwells Primary School has had a complete overhaul and now looks fantastic! It is great to see all the work that's happened over the summer, thanks to our Estates teams who have been so instrumental in getting this work done.



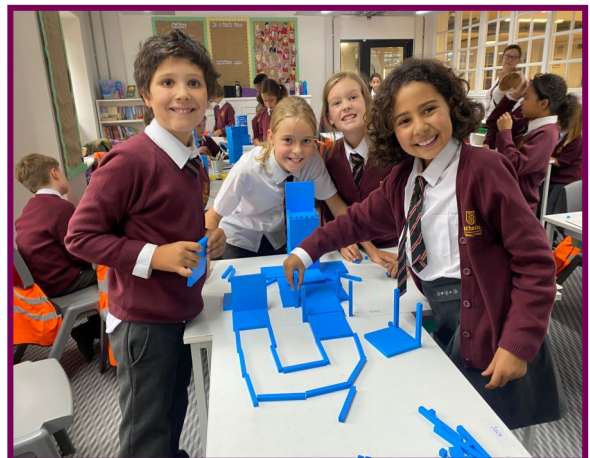
Work with us!

If you or someone you know is interested in working with us, you can view all current vacancies [here](#).



Governor positions

Are you interested in becoming a school governor? We have a number of vacancies across our schools and are keen to hear from people with relevant skills who are willing to contribute to our wider community, not necessarily just the school your child attends. If you are interested please email enquiries@cathedralschoolstrust.org



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