

TRUST TALK

STAFF NEWSLETTER

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Director of Science appointed



Congratulations to Mrs Karen Hearne who has been appointed the Trust's first Director of Science.

Mrs Hearne is a very experienced teacher, having been at Brooke Weston Academy since it opened, and Head of Science for the past three years.

She is looking forward to working with colleagues from across our Trust secondary schools to improve outcomes for students, sharing ideas and best practice between departments.

She said 'Our ultimate aim is that every student achieves at the level they should be. There is a lot of expertise in each of the schools so we will be sharing ideas across the Trust. It will be a big learning curve as I visit the schools, get to know people and build relationships. Collaboration is the way to go.

'We still do a lot of practical science at secondary level when appropriate, but our task as teachers is to look at the curriculum and add in fascination, awe and wonder.' ■

This is an abridged version of an article that is available at www.brookewestontrust.org

DfE reports solid improvements at TCA



A recent monitoring inspection by the Department for Education has found that Thomas Clarkson Academy is 'improving solidly' and that intervention strategies to drive up standards of teaching and learning are taking effect.

Mr Tim Coulson, the Regional Schools' Commissioner, and a senior inspector, Mike Phipps, met Principal, Anne Hill and toured the school, visiting classrooms, watching lessons and collecting student opinion.

The report found that the quality of teaching had improved, with 'substantial improvements' in English, maths and

science teaching, and that effective management of staff absence and additional recruitment means 'the staffing situation going forward appears positive.'

It went on to say 'Relationships between teachers and pupils appeared good' and that re-organisation of the school day has produced 'a more purposeful atmosphere.'

Dr Andrew Campbell said: 'This was a very positive report showing strategies put in place so far are paying big dividends in the recruitment of staff, the behaviour of students and improvements in subject performance.' ■

Royal helicopter flies in to CBA



A helicopter from the Royal Flight parked on the playing fields at CBA while the Princess Royal was on a flying visit to Corby.

Students and staff looked around the Sikorsky aircraft and chatted to the crew during its two hour stop-over. ■



News at a glance



The Trust Network, set up by BWT in conjunction with two other MATs staged their first national conference on Estates Management at CBA.



CTS's new librarian Jodie Kidner has set up a range of book clubs, the most recent of which will shadow the Carnegie Greenaway awards.



KSA's Year 9 cricketers took part in a recent tournament at the Northants county ground against teams from BWA and TCA.



Well done to the Happy Hands team from CBA who won first place in the National Team Programme Young Enterprise Best Trade Stand competition.



Good luck to our Trust Director of Finance, Debbie Tysoe who is taking part in the Moonwalk to raise money for breast cancer charities. To donate please visit our Trust website.

Grease is the word at Brooke Weston!



Students from Brooke Weston Academy staged two barn-storming shows of the classic musical 'Grease'.

The high-octane performances featured the talents of George Owen as Danny and Rana Williams as Sandy, ably supported by a multi-talented cast who brought the show to life.

There were many stand out performances and everyone put maximum effort into the two-hour show.

It was a sell out event, that was put on thanks to the efforts of staff, including director Camilla Kerr, assistant director Chantelle Laurie and choreographer Dawn Willis.

A huge range of helpers including musicians, AV and technical support ensured that everything went smoothly.

Thanks to everyone who made the show a success, particularly the students for their hours of hard work in rehearsal.

BWA staff retirements



Good luck to Christine Gray, restaurant manager, and careers adviser, Andy Primmett, who are both retiring from Brooke Weston Academy. Christine is leaving after 25 years and Andy has clocked up two decades of service. ■



Trust Job Opportunities

Here are the current opportunities across the Trust and more vacancies are added throughout the month. For further details, and the most up to date information please visit the BWT website - www.brookewestontrust.org

Support/Central Team:

Admin Assistant - BWT
Cleaner- KSA
Head Chef - CBA
Midday supervisor - Beanfield
School media officer – Wisbech

Teaching:

Pre-School Manager - Compass
Teacher of DT - BW
Teacher of English - CTS
Teacher of English - KSA
Teacher of IT/Computer Science - CBA
Teacher of MFL - BW

Brooke Weston Teaching School courses

For forthcoming Teaching School, courses please visit

<http://www.brookewestonteachingschool.org/>

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