

TRUST TALK

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Ray named as one of top ten global teachers



Brooke Weston Academy's computer science teacher Ray Chambers is one of only ten teachers from across the world to be named as one of the finalists in a global

teaching competition, and the only one from the UK.

More than 20,000 nominations from 179 countries were received for the Varkey Foundation Global Teacher Prize. The award, now in its third year, is the largest of its kind and the winner will receive a prize of US \$1m.

Ray said: 'I'm completely shocked and over the moon to have made it through to the top ten and the whole thing is very surreal. I'm very blessed to work at Brooke Weston and the support of the staff and students has been amazing. It's a great profession to get into and no day is ever the same.'

All of the finalists have been invited a ceremony at the Global Education and Skills Forum in Dubai when the winner will be announced on Sunday 19 March.



Meet our new Secondary Trust Director of English

Congratulations to Kerry Prior, who is the new Trust Director of English at Secondary level. Kerry has a strong background in her subject, having been Director of English at Corby Business Academy for 18 months and a teacher for over a decade.

She said: 'I wanted the role because it was about teaching and learning, classroom practice and driving up standards. It is about making children excited about English and, as teachers, conveying our engaging, passionate and wonderful subject to our students.'

Ms Prior has always taught in Corby, firstly at Kingswood then CBA. She said: 'It is about being perceptive and getting to the heart of what can and should change, what is capable of being changed and how we can achieve that. It is also about effective communication. Being Trust Director of Subject is a such a collaborative role, figuring out what people want and finding a way to provide that as well as showing colleagues things they may not have considered or suggesting what the next steps forward could be.' ■

More information on both these stories can be found on the news section of the Brooke Weston Trust website www.brookeweston.org/news



Young Adult fiction authors Sarah Crossan and Brian Conaghan spoke to over 350 students from Corby Business, Kettering Science and Wrenn Academies about their joint book *We Come Apart*. Brian won this year's Costa Children's Book Award and Sarah won last year's Carnegie Medal.



Well done to more than 30 members of staff from Thomas Clarkson Academy who dressed up as memorable literary characters to celebrate World Book Day. Mr Crossley, aka The Tin Man won the student vote for the third year running. Runners up were Mrs Newell as Dorothy, Mrs Geary as the Cowardly Lion and Mr Hopper as Wolverine!

Trust teachers collaborate on maths strategies

Teachers from Beanfield and Brooke Weston Academy have joined forces to offer master classes and extra maths tuition to Year 6 students preparing for their SATs.

Year 3 teacher Ms Charlotte Evans from Beanfield and Ms Roisin Fernando, head of KS3 at Brooke Weston Academy are developing the mathematical skills of the mid to high attainers by offering booster classes before and after school and extra lessons with Ms Fernando at Brooke Weston during Beanfield's Easter holiday.

From September Ms Fernando will be spending more time assisting in the development of primary school students across the Trust. She said 'I am really enjoying working with the Year 6 students at Beanfield and feel like I am helping to make a difference. It's useful as I am experienced in teaching in ways that haven't been seen here and vice versa with ways

Roisin and Charlotte.



that Ms Evans uses, helping us to share best practice. We work together and come up with better ways of teaching. I have discovered that working with students in primary school can help make the transition into secondary school easier as I can educate my department in what the students have been learning. They can often take a dip between primary and secondary because they have such a long break over the summer, so I plan to make revision packs so that they can continue their learning over the holidays.' ■



Drivetime for BW students

Students in Years 11 and 12 at Brooke Weston Academy had the opportunity to drive cars and ride motorbikes under a new scheme which may be rolled out across county schools.

More than 270 students had an hour of classroom tuition followed by an hour each of driving a car and riding a motorbike, all under the strict supervision of qualified instructors. ■

Trust Job Vacancies

Here are the current vacancies across Trust schools.
For more details visit the BWT website:

Support:

Cleaner - CTS
Finance Officer - CTS
HR Admin - CBA
School media officer – Wisbech

Trust Schools stage fantastic dramatic productions

Well done to students and staff from Corby Technical School and Kettering Science Academy who have staged spectacular productions of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *Oliver!* respectively. *Oliver!* is the first musical production staged at KSA and its 'one night only' show featured solos, group choral pieces and dance, all accompanied by the school orchestra.

CTS staged its performances on two successive nights and their production follows the success of last year's *Alice in Wonderland*.

Drama teacher Stephen Cox from CTS said 'A Midsummer Night's Dream is such a fun show with lots of great comedy moments. I am so incredibly proud of the students. They have all worked so hard to make the show a success, particularly Vanessa who played Titania. Dylan also stole the show with his CTS acting debut as Bottom!'

KSA's Head of Performing Arts, Julia Mallard said; 'The students worked incredibly hard as they had to audition,



then learn their lines, dance moves and vocals from scratch, with some of them having no previous Performing Arts experience. I am very impressed with what they have achieved and it was lovely to have an opportunity to bring the community together.' ■



Top: The cast of Oliver! at KSA and above, the cast of a Midsummer Night's Dream at CTS.

Brooke Weston Teaching School courses

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