



A family of eleven schools brought together by a shared vision to inspire our 3,680 children to Learn, Enjoy, Succeed.



Highlights

These images give a flavour of what our pupils have been up to during the last term.



Welcome

Welcome to the last BPET newsletter for this academic year.

It has been a really positive one, with pupils across all schools achieving well and having access to really exciting opportunities, like the residential in the picture above. We also have 93 Year 6 pupils from four schools visiting Italy in June, as we have been successful in gaining funding from the Government's Turing Scheme.

Our trust's performance has been recognised in a number of ways too. We received three Ofsted inspections, all improving or been awarded the highest grade. Three schools have been recognised in The Sunday Times Top 500 Primary Schools in the country: a stunning achievement! Many others have also been praised by the Schools Minister too.

Lastly, we are growing as a team to best support all schools. We secured a second Director of Education, with Alison Colenso staying on after this year. We have also recruited two Lead Mentors who will run our School Centered Teacher Training programme.

I'm delighted we are in a strong position for the next academic year and will continue to offer a world class education to all our pupils.

Mark Greatrex, BPET Chief Executive

Sunday Times Top 500 schools

Deer Park School (161), Whiteknights Primary School (193) and Rutherford House School (214) have been mentioned in The Sunday Times top 500 primary schools list. The list is made up of 16,783 primary schools in England. We are very proud of this incredible achievement: well done to all pupils and staff!

School Minister praises schools for high performance

Separately from the above, Damian Hinds MP, Minister of State for Schools, recognised the exceptional performance of BPET schools for last year's SATs (2022-23) by sending letters to Whiteknights Primary School, Rutherford House School, Braywick Court School, Deer Park School and Evendons Primary School.

Braywick Court School and Evendons Primary School also made the top 200 schools nationally for the multiplication check.

[Read more above all these achievements!](#)

School Capital Funding

With over 3,000 pupils we are now a large multi-academy trust. This has a significant impact as every year we will be automatically allocated £409,000 for the maintenance of our estates, starting this year. [Read more on the allocation of funding and our plans here.](#)



Training new teachers

Our vision is to offer the highest standards of education possible, not only to our pupils but also to our staff who engage in professional development opportunities all year-round.

We are working with [Teach First](#) on our School Centred Initial Teacher Training programme (SCITT) to train the teachers of tomorrow.

This one-year program - validated by Sheffield Hallam University - combines classroom training, independent study and personalised support. Ideal for hands-on learners, trainees will gain valuable experience alongside our seasoned teachers. Upon successful completion, they'll have the opportunity to stay on working in a BPET school.

We have received 62 applications so far, and we are keen to receive even more in order to select an outstanding cohort of future teachers.

To support the programme we have made two key appointments: we are delighted to have **Emily Martin** as Head of SCITT and Lead Mentor, and **Daena Bennett** (Deer Park School) also as a Lead Mentor.

[Read more details or watch a webinar on the programme.](#) Do share if you know someone considering a career in teaching.

New appointments

We are delighted to have two new strong headteachers in our schools.

Bridget Reynolds has been appointed the substantive headteacher of Whiteknights Primary School after having been the acting head for the last five months. [Read more on Mrs Reynold.](#)

Hayley Harrison will start her role as headteacher of the Heights Primary School in September, following the retirement of Karen Edwards. Mrs Harrison brings a wealth of experience and a strong commitment to leadership and we are delighted she accepted the role. [Read our interview with Mrs Harrison.](#)

Evendons is Outstanding

Evendons Primary School has maintained its impressive record being judged as "Outstanding" once again by Ofsted.

The Ofsted report highlights the teachers' exceptional ability to understand each child's individual needs, ensuring they receive the most appropriate support.

Inspectors were also impressed by the well-behaved and focused pupils, who were described as kind and motivated learners. [See the full article](#) and [read the full Ofsted report.](#)





Theresa May visits Braywick

Braywick Court School, with the support of its parents, has successfully campaigned for improved road safety. Theresa May MP, former Prime Minister, visited the school in support of the school's plans.

Following her visit she said: "I was delighted to be back at Braywick Court School speaking with pupils about their studies and to discuss Braywick's campaign for greater road safety. I saw firsthand just how seriously Headteacher Michelle Robertson and the entire school faculty take the safety of children in their care." [Learn more.](#)

The campaign was a success with the local authority agreeing to improved safety measures on Hibbert Road.

TimesTables Rockstars

823 Year 4 pupils participated in this year's BPET TimesTables Rockstars competition, resulting in a total of almost 1.5 million correctly answered questions!

Congratulations to our 'Top of the Rocks' for the most correct answers:

- Gold - Marcel in Redwood, Braywick Court School - 105,263 correct answers
 - Silver - Ruby in Redwood, Braywick Court School - 60,148 correct answers
 - Bronze - Archie in Hubble, Evendons Primary School - 52,360 correct answers
- [Read more.](#)

The Queen's Gambit

Seven schools spread across the London and Berkshire hubs battled it out on the chessboard in the annual Queens Gambit tournament.

48 eager boys and girls between Years 4-6 competed in five thrilling rounds showing resilience and skill throughout.

Whitehall Park School emerged victorious in the London hub whilst in Berkshire Whiteknights Primark School took home the trophy. [More on this here.](#)

Sports tournaments

Last February, 55 Year 3 & 4 girls took part in the yearly football tournament at Watling Park School. Deer Park School won for the second year in a row, however everyone showed teamwork, communication skills and most importantly sportsmanship. [Read more.](#)

In May, nearly 50 Year 5 & 6 pupils also competed in the athletics tournament. Every pupil was given an opportunity to participate in all disciplines, which ranged from individual sprints and relay races, to a standing triple jump and throwing events (image on previous page). [Read more.](#)

Many thanks to our Sports Champions Dan Bavington and Jack Briley for organising successful tournaments, with the support of all schools' sports coaches.