



# GLF Newsletter

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## Dear Parents and Carers

As GLF Schools embarks on its sixth year we would like to update you about our development as a 'family of schools'.

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### GLF: Grow, Learn & Flourish



**W**e have 27 schools today in the Trust with approximately 1000 staff and 10,000 children and young people. We aim to make sure that the education provided is the best it can be. All our schools are stronger for being part of GLF and we will continue to work hard to make our schools places where children **grow, learn and flourish**. We are committed to school improvement and providing opportunities to all young people.

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### Ofsted Inspections & Reports

**F**ive schools in the Trust underwent Ofsted inspections last academic year. This brings the number of inspections to eleven since schools have joined us. All eleven schools have been successful with two rated 'outstanding', four rated as 'good' with at least one sub-category being 'outstanding'

and five schools rated 'good' on every measure. Five schools were in 'special measures' or had a 'requires improvement' judgement before joining GLF and we are delighted with their progress.





## Southgate Primary School joins GLF

**O**n 1 July, Southgate Primary School became an academy. It is our second primary school in Crawley, alongside Forge Wood Primary School which opened to Reception children in September 2016. Forge Wood is our fifth brand new school having already

opened Lime Tree Primary in Redhill and Wokingham's Windmill Primary (2013) and Wheatfield Primary in 2014. Chestnut Park Primary opened in Croydon in 2015. Meridian High School joined us in October 2016 and is our second school in Croydon.



## Longford Park Primary & Aureus School join GLF

**W**e are delighted to have opened a new primary school in Banbury this month - Longford Park - which is our second school in the area alongside William Morris Primary. Aureus School opened in Didcot this month and is our first brand new secondary school. In September 2018, Aureus Primary will open near to Aureus School.





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## Training Our Staff

**T**he quality of teaching is the greatest single factor in the success of children. Through our regular reviews we are able to identify best practice and make sure that it is spread across other schools within GLF. Every school has something to offer in this way and we are increasingly using technology in order to

bring colleagues and children 'together'.

We held regular training events across our schools over the last academic year. Training has taken place in clusters, hubs and across the whole Trust. Our most recent training was with our school governors just before the summer break.



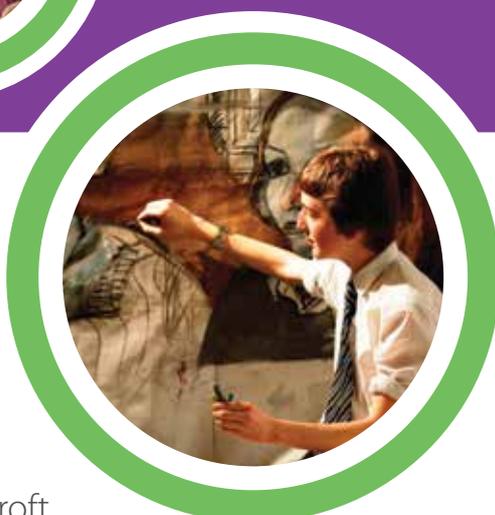
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## Making Every Penny Count

**A**s a multi-academy trust, we are responsible for more than £40m of public funding for our schools. Whilst this is a large figure, the amount received has not been increasing in line with inflation and the increased staff costs (national insurance and

pensions contributions) which are beyond our control. Budgets are being squeezed and we are working hard to be creative, to work smarter and to save money. We bid for additional funding as a group and as individual schools in order to boost our income.

If you have any fundraising ideas please contact us on  
**020 8716 4987** or via email at [glf@glfschools.org](mailto:glf@glfschools.org)



## Camberley, Sunbury, Banstead & Epsom

**A**s well as our schools in Oxfordshire, Berkshire, West Sussex and Croydon we have a large number of schools in Surrey. Cordwalles Junior, Pine Ridge Infants, Lorraine Infants, Lightwater Village and Hammond are all located in the Camberley area. We have Springfield Primary School in Sunbury as

well as The Beacon, Cuddington Croft Primary, Danetree Primary and Glyn in the Epsom and Banstead area. We were delighted to welcome Rosebery School in Epsom to GLF this month.

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## Caterham & Redhill

**S**alfords and Lime Tree are to be joined by Merstham Primary this term and also by Merstham Park School which will be our second brand new secondary school when it opens in September 2018. In the Caterham area we have de Stafford, Hillcroft Primary, Marden Lodge Primary, Warlingham Village Primary and Whyteleafe Primary.



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## Introducing GLF Schools' Teacher Training

**I**n September 2016 we launched our own teacher training programme for new secondary school teachers through the Glyn Surrey SCITT. From September this has been renamed GLF Schools' Teacher Training. We continue to train primary school teachers via our School Direct programme and from September 2018 our SCITT will train teachers in both sectors.

If you are interested in training to teach, more information can be found at [www.glfft.org](http://www.glfft.org)



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## Farewells & Welcomes

**A**t the end of the last academic year there were a number of changes at headship level. Russell Bennett moved from The Beacon School in Banstead to become Schools' Performance Director for our secondary schools. Keith Batchelor, who was Deputy Head at Glyn School, has succeeded Russell as Headteacher. Phillip Wheatley left Glyn to become the Headteacher at Harris Academy Purley and Matt Duffield, previously Deputy Head, has been appointed as Acting Headteacher at Glyn School. James Broad has moved from Danetree to become Headteacher at Southgate Primary School and Bethan Smith, previously Headteacher at Springfield, has replaced James at Danetree. Julie Sherrington is the Acting Headteacher at Springfield. Carrie Christer and Claire Regnard have been appointed as Co-Heads at Salfords replacing Martin Beard who has moved to the new secondary school in the Redhill cluster, Merstham Park, preparing for its launch next September.



For those colleagues and children who left us before the summer break, we wish them the very best as they embark on the next stage of their lives. For those who are just joining us at the start of this academic year, a very warm welcome to GLF Schools and we hope your time in the Trust is happy and fulfilling.



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## In Conclusion....

**W**e are committed to raising the aspirations and achievements of our children and young people and we are committed to developing our core purpose - learning and teaching. We have a simple mission. We are "a supportive family of schools where together we grow, learn and flourish" and we are grateful for all the support that you give to your children and schools. It is much appreciated.

Thank you.

**Jon Chaloner** (CEO)