

# Update 3



For school governors and leaders

March 2018

## Welcome

Welcome to our third Bishop Otter Academy Trust (BOAT) Update which focuses on the exciting launch of the Trust.

## Official Launch of BOAT



*Matt Davis*

Matt Davis, BOAT Trustee, welcomed 30 delegates, representing 8 schools, to the official launch of the Trust held at The Shoreham Centre on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018. After months, if not years, of talks and preparation, it was a fantastic opportunity to 'go live'. Although there is still much to do to establish the Trust, there is now a real sense of momentum with two pipeline schools (St Nicolas & St Mary's and St Clement's) and governors from other schools expressing interest.



*Martin Lloyd-Williams, talks about 'Wisdom for Life'*

Martin Lloyd-Williams spoke on the Trust's vision for *Wisdom for Life* at the launch. He said it was about, "enabling people to know how best to live so that life in all its fullness can be received, not just grasped". He went on to say, "What we are really committed to as Trustees as the Bishop Otter Academy Trust, is enabling children to grow in wisdom as a platform for the whole of their lives, a platform to give them hope and aspiration to enable them to achieve their potential, to enable them to become really fruitful members of society."



*Jenny Barnard-Langston,  
Chair of Trustees*

Jenny said that the foundation of the Trust is one of faith and our expectation of excellence for all our children and their families. She stressed the need to grow and replicate good education that is aspirational. Jenny invited delegates to join 'the journey'; the beginning of which is open dialogue and partnership working.

Julie Searle, Chair of Governors at St Nicolas and St Mary CE Primary School said, 'It was an evening full of anticipation as to what to expect, the launch of BOAT did not disappoint, board trustees were there to answer all the awkward questions and the difficult questions were certainly posed from many school governors and teachers who attended from the Deaneries of Brighton and Hove, of which St Nic's and St Mary's is a part. The responses were excellent and detailed –the homework on this has very much been carried out, but with more to be completed and shared with interested schools.



*Julie Searle*

This has been a long journey, especially for St. Nic's and St Mary's governors, in building the foundations for the BOAT many years ago, going forth with meetings and consultations with our school community and always journeying together, guided by God, to do the best we can. Because this is doing the best for our children who come to St Nics and St Mary's, to create a family of schools that will support each other and learn from each other to provide the best rounded education we can with learning and *wisdom for life.*'



*Q&A with the BOAT panel*

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## Join Us

A number of schools are considering joining BOAT in Brighton & Hove and beyond.

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## What is BOAT?

The Bishop Otter Academy Trust (BOAT) is a diocesan school-led Multi Academy Trust (MAT) for schools that become academies in the greater Brighton and Lewes area

## Website launch

Not only has BOAT been launched but so has our website:

[www.boat.academy/](http://www.boat.academy/)

More information and resources will be added to the website over the coming months. Feedback on the website and its contents are welcome!



## The Benefits of Collaboration

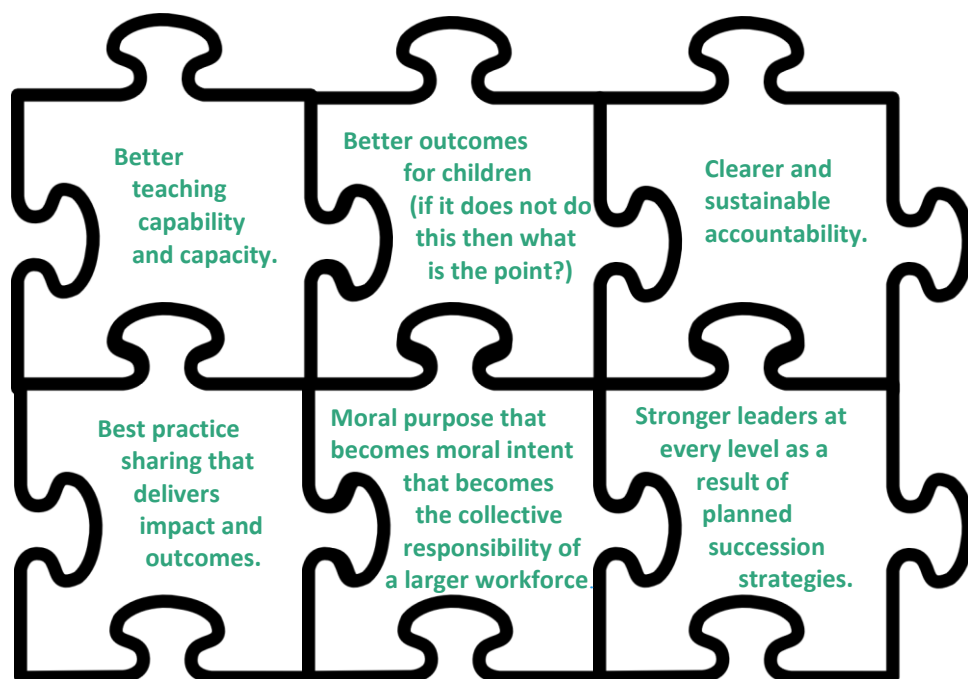
Sir David Carter, National Schools Commissioner, speaking at the Church of England Foundation for Educational Leadership last term talked about six benefits of collaboration (see puzzle). He said, 'We start with moral purpose – we move into action – we make it an outcome.'

Laura McNerney, Editor of Schools Week and Guardian Columnist, spoke about three ways to collaborate:

**People** Think holistically as a Trust. Be specific and focused.

**Cost** Resources need to flood into pupils and make the impact needed on standards.

**Ethos** This has a deep resonance with the Church of England.



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