South Lincolnshire Academies Trust

CEO UPDATE

Thursday 16th July 2026

Dear parents/carers

As we reach the end of another academic year, I wanted to share some of the many highlights from across the South Lincolnshire Academies Trust and thank you for your continued support. It has been an incredibly busy and positive final term, full of achievement, hot weather, celebration, investment and preparation for the year ahead.

Across all four schools, our students have shown determination, kindness, resilience and ambition. From examinations and enrichment, through to school performances, sports, trips, careers activities and end of year celebrations, there has been so much to be proud of.

It has been a year of growth and confidence in our Trust as all of our Year 7 places are oversubscribed and we have received record breaking applications for our SLAT Sixth Form. This is a wonderful reflection of the confidence families and students have in our schools, our staff and the wider opportunities we provide.

Celebrating success across the Trust

This year has seen significant investment in both our students and staff. Every classroom across the Trust now benefits from modern interactive teaching screens, supporting high quality teaching and helping lessons to be even more engaging.

Students have enjoyed a huge range of opportunities beyond the classroom. From educational visits and trips, to careers events, sporting competitions, reading initiatives and enrichment activities, there has been something for everyone. World Book Day was once again a fantastic success, with students and staff embracing the celebrations and reminding us all of the importance of reading.

We have also continued to strengthen our careers programme, giving students more opportunities to explore future pathways and receive the advice and guidance they need as they prepare for their next steps.

Growing schools and record Sixth Form interest

I am delighted to share that demand for places across the Trust remains incredibly strong. All of our Year 7 places for September are oversubscribed, with families continuing to choose our schools in very high numbers.

Alongside this, we have seen record breaking applications for the SLAT Sixth Form. This is particularly pleasing because it shows that so many students want to continue their education with us after Year 11, while we are also welcoming increasing numbers of students from other schools who wish to join our Sixth Form community.

This confidence in our schools is something we never take for granted. We will continue to work hard to ensure every child who joins us receives an excellent education and feels proud to belong to their school.

Investing in specialist teachers and expanding our SEN teams

One of the most important developments this year has been our continued commitment to inclusion and support for students with additional needs. Across the Trust, we are expanding our SEN teams and recruiting new specialist teachers so that students who need additional support can receive it earlier and more effectively.

This includes new specialist teacher posts, additional inclusion mentors and SEN focused pastoral roles. These roles will work alongside our existing SEND teams to strengthen support, improve early intervention and ensure that more students can access learning successfully in the classroom.

At Spalding Academy, our new SEN Suite is already providing an improved environment for students who require additional support. We are also planning dedicated inclusion spaces across our schools as part of our wider Trust Inclusion Strategy.

Our aim is simple. Every student, regardless of need, background or circumstance, should feel they belong, be able to access the full curriculum and have every opportunity to succeed.

Exciting developments to our school sites

Alongside investment in teaching, learning and specialist support, we are continuing to improve our school buildings and facilities so that students learn in safe, modern and welcoming environments.

This summer will see a number of important site developments taking place across the Trust. These include new student toilets at Cowley Academy, new science laboratories at Spalding Academy and refurbishment of key learning areas, including the Drama room at Giles Academy.

We are also very excited that new building projects for Bourne Academy, Cowley Academy and Spalding Academy are set to begin during the summer period. These developments represent a significant investment in the future of our schools and will create improved spaces for students and staff.

We know that the learning environment matters. These improvements will help ensure our students continue to benefit from high quality facilities that support learning, wellbeing and wider school life.

Listening to parents and students

Student and parent voice continues to be central to our improvement work. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to share feedback with our schools this year.

We have expanded opportunities for students and parents to share their views and have also completed our first Parent Governor elections. Parent Governors play an important role in helping our Local Advisory Boards understand and reflect the communities they serve.

Your feedback helps us celebrate what is working well and identify where we can continue to improve. Most importantly, it helps us make decisions with the best interests of students at the heart of our work.

Looking ahead to September 2026

As we prepare for the new academic year, our priorities remain focused on high quality teaching, a broad and ambitious curriculum, strong literacy and numeracy foundations, excellent behaviour and attendance, and a continued commitment to inclusion and belonging for all students.

We will also introduce our new approach to mobile phones following consultation with parents, students and staff. The feedback has been very positive and we believe the new arrangements will further support learning, wellbeing and social interaction throughout the school day.

The Trust parent app will also continue to develop, helping families access key information more easily and supporting stronger communication between home and school.

Thank you

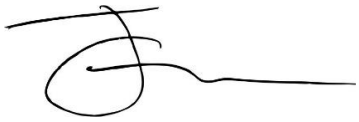
Finally, I would like to thank every member of our Trust community for your continued support this year.

To our Year 11 and Year 13 students, congratulations on completing your examinations. We are incredibly proud of your commitment and determination and look forward to celebrating your results with you later this summer.

To all our students, thank you for the enthusiasm, kindness and character you bring to our schools every day.

I hope all of our families have a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break, and we look forward to welcoming students back in September for another exciting year ahead.

Kindest regards,



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