

Bulletin

Welcome to our first Mater Christi bulletin.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all staff working hard in difficult COVID circumstances this term.

We thank you for your dedication to our children and the support you show every day to each other.

Thank you to our Governors who work often late in the evening to support our schools.

In September, all of our schools took the leap to join together into one Trust and although there is still much to do, we can be very proud of our first term's work I know together we will be able to find lots of different ways to support each other and drive our schools forward so that we are a strong and effective academy trust.

This term has been a significant challenge for all and I know everyone will be ready for a break. I would like to wish you a very happy Christmas and I hope you have a restful holiday.



Wishing everyone in the Trust a special Christmas time,

Jacky Kennedy

Thank you to our Finance Teams

A great deal of our Academy Term 1 work has been focused on finance: moving to a new bank account, finance system and payroll has meant lots of change and time spent on training for our business teams. We would like to say a big thank you to the following staff who have worked so tirelessly to ensure the systems are working. Thank you to:

Maureen McKendry Interim CFO; Karen Harvey and Kerry Toole at St Bernard's in Barrow; Zoe Brentnall, Ann Hill and Sharron Hullock at St Joseph's in Workington, Dorothy Ryan at St Joseph's in Lancaster, Alison Shepherd at Dean Gibson in Kendal, Maria Dixon at St Margaret Mary and St Cuthbert's in Carlisle, Paul Lewis and Denise Levy at Sacred Heart in Barrow.

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Our Central Services Team

The Central Services team is growing as we renew contracts across the Trust.

Our Chief Executive Officer is **Jacky Kennedy**

Our interim CFO is **Maureen McKendry**

Joining the team:

- The Trust has just secured a one year contract for HR services with **Just People HR**.
- The Trust has appointed external auditors with **Azets** and our internal auditors are **SKL Education**.

- The Trust has secured an extra DFE grant to work with **Stickman**, a Marketing Company based in Manchester.
- The Trust has appointed a temporary lead on Health and Safety, **Sue Bamforth**, who has begun to align our schools on Health and Safety processes.
- **Rachel Lavarak**, on secondment from Cumbria Local Authority, has visited each school this term using the DFE document Reading Framework: Teaching the Foundations of Literacy as a foundation for conversations around school improvement.
- Rachel has led training in three of our schools.

Welcome
to staff joining Mater
Christi in January
2022

St Cuthbert's Carlisle

Sarah Hutchinson Head of School

St Joseph's, Workington

Karl Fillingham Head of Year
Nina Morton Head of Year
Garry Tyson Cleaner
Catherine Fisher Teacher of English [Temp]
Paula Austin Catering Assistant

Dean Gibson, Kendal

Jenny Holt Deputy Nursery Manager

Mater Christi Vision Day

Our Vision Day took place on November 17th at St Bernard's in Barrow. All the Trust Heads, Joan Hadley, Chair of Governors from St Margaret Mary and St Cuthbert's in Carlisle and Father John Paul, Governor at St Joseph's in Lancaster were joined by four other Diocesan Heads. We were very grateful for everyone's contribution. This was our first opportunity to come together in person as a group of Heads. The day began with a reflection in the Chapel at St Bernard's led by Steve Donnan. Thank you to Steve. The Draft Document is on the following pages.

If you wish to comment on our document, please email
Jacky.Kennedy@mater-christi.com before the 1st February 2022.

Congratulations to Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School in Barrow! Section 48 Inspection 24th November 2021

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| Overall Effectiveness | 1 |
| Catholic Life | 1 |
| Religious Education | 1 |

"The quality of provision for RE is outstanding."

" Sacred Heart is a welcoming, inclusive and outwardly religious community with a strong family ethos"

"There is a visible secure sense of family and community in all aspects of school life."

" Pupils articulate their belief in Jesus as 'the light of the world' whenever a candle is lit in prayer."

Mater Christi Vision and Principles Draft

“Inspired by the example of Mary, Mother of Christ, Mater Christi is a family of primary and secondary Catholic schools living and learning together for the common good of our children, families and communities. Our schools will strengthen the Catholic mission in the Diocese of Lancaster and have the wellbeing of our children at the heart of all we do. We are equal partners with a shared calling to ensure our children receive an outstanding education, providing them with the knowledge, skills and spiritual development to excel in all they do.”

As a Trust we aim to

Our Catholic Life #Loving

- Encourage the **love** and service of God and others.
- Nurture the Catholic **Faith** of our communities through a rich prayer life.
- Invite all to live an actively authentic life as part of God’s family.
- Know and experience the presence of God in our lives.

Our Curriculum #Learning

- Work together to provide an excellent education that is relevant to the lives of our young people in each of our schools.
- Support our children to make a positive and **intentional** contribution to society and to bear witness to God’s Word.
- Enlighten the lives of our young people by providing a wider curriculum that gives opportunities for all to develop and build their self-belief and worth.
- Enable our young people to leave as happy, **compassionate** and fulfilled individuals.

Our Staff #Together

Ensure that we appreciate and are **grateful** for the contribution of our staff to our Mission.

Actively encourage each other to discern the best possible actions that lead to excellence.

Place well-being at our heart in the development of our policies and practice.

Be attentive to the needs of our staff so that they are encouraged to meet their personal goals.

Pastoral Care #Loving

Ensure the interests of our children are paramount and guide everything we seek to do.

Promote and develop eloquence, dignity and compassion so our communities are loving, **hopeful** and **attentive**.

Honour the richness of diversity in our schools by recognising that all are made in the image of Christ.

Support our children to be **wise, learned and curious**.

Communities and Partners #Trust

Be **attentive** to the voices in our communities.

Build truthful, **prophetic** and inclusive relationships.

Be **generous** in our collaborative work for the positive development of all schools within our MAT.

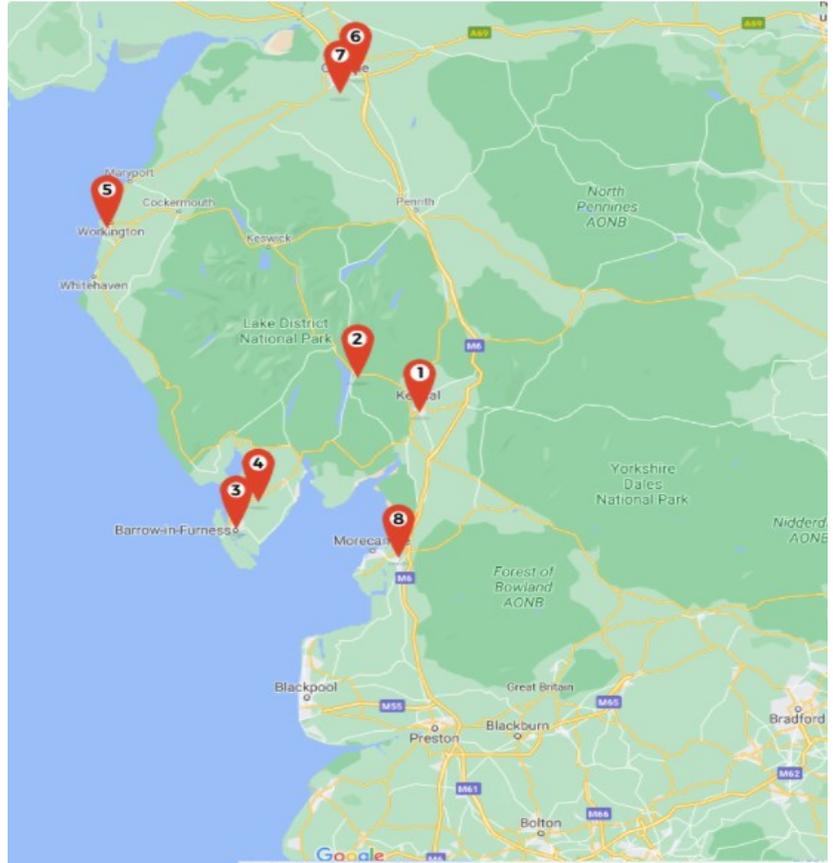
Establish clear and relevant communication channels, allowing our schools and stakeholders to be visible in their local community and across the Diocese.

Our Growth Plans

Meetings have taken place in Carlisle, Workington, Barrow and Lancaster to discuss the Diocesan Academy Strategy and time lines for conversion.

Our CEO and Interim CFO have attended many governors meetings this term to answer your questions.

Please contact Jacky Kennedy, if you wish to hold a question and answer meeting with the Trust team.



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