



**The STAR**  
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST



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# THE NEWS LETTER



## CEO UPDATE



**July 2024**

Dear Families,

As we conclude another remarkable academic year, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your support and commitment to our Trust and your child's school. This year has brought its own set of challenges and triumphs, and together, we have navigated them with resilience and determination.

Our students have achieved so much, not just academically but also in their personal growth and development. This is plainly evident through such fun and creativity detailed in this newsletter. This would not have been possible without the dedication of our staff, and of course, your encouragement at home, as well as our wonderful young people.

As we break for the summer holidays, I hope you find time to relax, recharge, and enjoy special moments with your loved ones. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, ready to embark on another year of learning and growth.

Wishing you all a safe and joyous summer. Best of luck to everyone receiving results this summer and for their onwards destinations, wherever those might be.

Warm regards,

Ian Yapp

## From the Chair of the Trust Board: Nick Sheppard



As we reach the end of another Academic Year, I'd like to thank our Trust community for its work this year.

I was lucky enough to attend the Trust Science Share event recently and it was wonderful to see the excitement and enthusiasm of children from across our primary schools engaging in this event. Our schools and staff work together across the Trust - sharing curricula, experience and skills - with the common objective of the best outcomes for our pupils; broadening their horizons and helping them to achieve their goals. Our thanks go out to all of you, and also to our Central Services staff who provide invaluable support, facilitation and help our schools in achieving their purpose. The end of the Academic Year is a time of transition; we wish those who are moving to new destinations (whether internally or externally) and staff and pupils alike the very best of luck in the next stage of their journeys and with their results later in the summer.

We also have some long-standing Chairs of Local Governing Bodies coming to the end of their terms. We are very grateful to them, and to all of their volunteer colleagues, for their enormous contribution to the successes of our schools and the work they do.

To all of you within our Trust Community, thank you for your continued support and I hope all of you have a good summer.

Regards

Nick Sheppard

This term started brilliantly (if a little stressfully!) with the Ofsted inspection of Saxton School. We were delighted that inspectors awarded the much-awaited judgement of **“Good”** in all areas. This acknowledged the fantastic education and experiences that pupils at the school receive.



Inspectors commented that: **“Pupils thrive at this welcoming school”** and **“The school gives pupils solid foundations for their future education.”** We are obviously delighted that the judgement and report now accurately reflects our fabulous school.

Both schools completed a great deal of work towards the Eco Schools Green Flag accreditation during the course of the year. All children participated in litter picks around the school and our local communities to help keep the environment around



our schools clean. Children also undertook work to improve biodiversity and improve the habitats around our sites. This included creating feeders and houses for wildlife and ensuring that these were always topped up. We used wildlife cameras to monitor the living creatures that use our grounds and were delighted to see a huge variety captured on camera. We were especially pleased to see a badger visiting Saxton in the Spring, and two hedgehogs visiting the feeding station we created at Monk Fryston.

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Following the submission of our applications, we were delighted that both schools achieved the Green Flag with Distinction this year, which again shows the improvements that we have made in delivering environmental education to our children.

We organised a number of events and activities during the summer term, including visits that enhance our curriculum learning. We try to be very conscious of the amount that trips cost parents. We wanted to take children in KS1 to the seaside, but the coach cost was too prohibitive so therefore changed our plans, and instead we recreated a seaside experience at Monk Fryston, and children from both schools participated. This was made possible through the generous sponsorship of local businesses, including Aldi and Bling, who supplied ice creams and sprinkles for everyone. We put on traditional seaside games, a Punch & Judy show, and circus activities. Our children loved it!



Our children asked us to set up a link with a school in another country so that they could learn about a different culture. We were delighted to have been able to do this, and this term our older children began to correspond with a class at Henry House Community School in Ho, Ghana. They have exchanged questions about life in their school, shared photographs, and tried to find similarities and differences in their lifestyles. We were interested to hear that their area is a big producer of cocoa beans, some of which are sent for processing into chocolate in York. We would like to wish our leavers well in their new schools, and hope that everyone has a restful and enjoyable summer holiday.



## Riverside Primary ~ Visit us here



It has been another busy term here at Riverside. Once again, the sun shined for our sports week, with each phase having a series of races and athletic activities. Then on the Friday afternoon, we took the whole school out for an afternoon of team challenges. Children were in mixed

age teams, right from Reception to Year 6, and they worked their way round 15 different sporting challenges where they accrued as many points as possible for their house team. All the teams were cheered on by parents and family members and it was a great event. In a tense contest, the Green team emerged victorious, but it was a great effort from everyone.



We also took all of our Year 4 children to take on the Junior Warrior course. They absolutely loved it, even if some children lost both shoes and socks on the course! It was great to see the way in which the children supported and encouraged each other to take on some pretty scary looking obstacles!



Our Year 3s went to Harrogate to take on the Brownlee triathlon. They swam, cycled and ran and even got to meet the Brownlee Brothers!



We also celebrated our Purple Heart Day this term. This event was created in memory of Sarah Emmott, who was a part of our school community but sadly died in 2021. The day is held annually on her birthday and as part of the day, we held an assembly during which The Purple Heart Award was presented to Tilly, a member of our Reception class who has learned to deal with Type 1 diabetes in the last few months, showing resilience and bravery against the odds, just as Sarah did. There was also special recognition for Maisie, her sister, and Edith her best friend, who have supported her so well.



We also took part in STAR MAT's annual science share, where some of Year 4s argued that electricity was the greatest physics discovery. It was a great experience and the children loved it!



We are preparing to say good bye to our Year 6s, as well as some long-serving and well-loved members of staff, so it will be an emotional end to the year. Enjoy the summer holidays and have a well-earned rest!

As another exciting term draws to a close at Appleton Roebuck, we reflect on the achievements of this academic year. It's been a very successful year, with published achievement results in the top 10% nationally and a special letter of commendation from the government with regard to multiplications tables. This being said, Appleton Roebuck is so much more than just achievement. Our curriculum takes pupils on a learning journey, linked intrinsically to the family community of Appleton, that more than adequately prepares children for the next stages of their learning.

While we have enjoyed many educational visits and residential experiences, probably the most enjoyable for everyone was when we visited the beach as a whole school. The experience of being together allowed all our pupils to demonstrate the 26 values of Appleton Roebuck, and they certainly didn't disappoint. Sports day was a real spectacle too. That, together with a tennis experience day, hosting the 'Inter-MAT KS1 sports festival' and coming second in the STAR MAT football tournament, gave our children experiences that they'll never forget. We're also very lucky to be supported by our wonderful PTA too, who also provide experiences that are unforgettable for the children.



We're now preparing for our end of term events and the highlight of this is probably our musical 'Schools Will Rock You', the Queen-inspired musical. It's also sad that we say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 pupils, as they embark on their onward educational journeys. Yet while one year group leaves, another arrives, and it's been an absolute pleasure to welcome our new Reception cohort into school for some day visits over the past few weeks.

The Appleton team would like to wish everyone a wonderful summer break, and we'll see you in September.



The summer term at Sherburn Hungate is always an exciting one. End of year activities include musical productions (this year it's Snow White), sports tournaments (practically all sports with exception of tiddlywinks!) and of course, a keen eye on pupil progress which has been really strong.



We also say goodbye to our wonderful Year Six children as they begin their secondary education in September at High School. While some children leave us, we welcome a new cohort of 60 Reception children for September. We've already had the pleasure of meeting our new families at the multiple 'stay and play' sessions held by the Early Years team and for the first time, the waiting list for pupil places has made it into double figures. Sherburn Hungate continues to have an excellent reputation for being a school 'at the heart of the community' and one where children thrive.



We know the need of our community has increased and, for the first time this summer holiday, we will be hosting a Community Hub every Monday from 9-11am. The Community Hub will offer families refreshments, pre-loved clothing and a foodbank. If you know Sherburn, this will take place in the Co-op car park, next to the school gate.



We hope you all have a wonderful summer break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school in September for another exciting term of learning and fun.



It has been a busy year so far at Kellington. We have expanded our nursery to offer 30 hours of provision and have worked incredibly hard to develop the learning environment. The children are loving their learning experiences in our early years classroom and have had a great time welcoming in parents for stay and plays, learning to read and write and exploring the world around them. This term the children have tried foods from around the world in the form of a Chinese banquet, taken part in a forest school session and have explored the school grounds. To end the term they have welcomed some duckling eggs and are excitedly waiting for them to hatch.



Following weeks of dedicated practice sessions, 15 of our children performed as part of the Young Voices choir in Sheffield. Our children joined over 4000 others to sing, dance and have an amazing time! The children thoroughly enjoyed watching the Urban Strides performance, backing a famous soul singer and watching a hugely talented 13 year old drummer take centre stage. We were so proud of how our children conducted themselves and the joy they took in this fantastic opportunity.

Our JLT have been very busy this term, very busy indeed! To begin with, the children decided to focus on reducing our energy bills in school and becoming 'greener'. They launched a poster competition and held a lunch time club to ensure all members of the school community who wanted to enter, had the opportunity to do so.

JLT took the entries and took a democratic vote for which posters they felt were the most eye-catching. These poster winners were announced and their poster printed and put up around school.



We have been really lucky to be able to have



Siobhan in school to lead on our spring Forest School offer. Each of our individual year groups have had the opportunity to go into our Discovery Zone to build dens, whittle, create boggarts and cook delicious food. Our children have wrapped up warm, braced the elements and had nothing but smiles on their faces.

This term, our children had an art afternoon where we focussed on the works of the famous artist, Alma Thomas. We began our artist focus with a whole school assembly where we learned about her style of art, what inspired her works and why she was revolutionary for her time. The children then used familiar mediums through which to explore the skills used to create similar art and then a famous piece of her work to base their artistic interpretations on. We displayed our art in the hall for our parents and carers to see at the end of the day. We were so proud to share this with everyone that we spread the news even wider by inviting the local newspaper to our event!

Kellington children are becoming more and more famous as the year goes on!



## Kirk Fenton CE Primary School ~ Visit us here

None of us can quite believe that we are at the end of another term at Kirk Fenton! It has been a fantastic few months, full of so many proud moments, and as we head towards the summer holidays it has been lovely to stop and look back over a busy year.



One of the highlights of this term has been having so many opportunities to take part in sporting events with other Trust primary schools. Children from across the school have been involved in tournaments including: beanbag rounders, Kwik Cricket, netball and athletics. They have thoroughly enjoyed playing against children from within the Trust and visiting other schools. Another Trust event we have been involved in was the Great Science Share which involved us hoping to persuade the other Trust primary schools that radiation is the best physics invention of all time. It was a fantastic afternoon of science, and it was great to see such confident public speakers from all of our schools.

It has been a term full of exciting trips, with children visiting a range of places including the historic city of York, Howsham Mill and Askham Bryan. They have investigated Roman York, found out about Victorian Britain, discovered how forces help drive machinery, learned about minibests, and much, much more. We are so lucky to have so many interesting and exciting places to visit right on our doorstep.



Our youngest children spent a morning this term raising money for Barnardos, through their annual Big Toddle fundraising event. They joined forces with our neighbours, Jigsaw Nursery, to do a sponsored walk around our village, managing to raise lots of money for this great cause. Year four has also been working on making a difference this term. They decided earlier on in the year that the whole community would benefit from a reduced speed limit outside the school, and wrote letters, created petitions and met with local councillors in order to try and achieve this. They were delighted to hear recently that their campaign has been successful, and a new 20mph speed limit should be in place soon.



Our Forest Schools sessions have been a huge success this year, with the whole school developing their resilience and teamwork skills on our Forest School site. We were delighted to be approached by the Transpennine Route Upgrade East Alliance team, who were keen to support us to develop the site. They have come up with some exciting plans for the area, and will be transforming the space over the summer. What an exciting thing to come back to in September! We wave our fantastic year 6 children off to start their new adventure and say goodbye to our acting head teacher, Mrs Cameron, as she takes up a secondment at another Trust school and we can't wait to welcome Mrs Walmsley, our new Headteacher to our school!



It has been a busy few months at Sherburn High School with educational visits, exciting learning opportunities and final preparations for GCSE and A Level exams. In May, Year 7 students took part in the 3 day residential trip to Bushcraft at Castle Howard. Students were able to experience building dens, survival skills and working in teams. One of the highlights of the trip was the talent show and seeing how well the Year 7 students worked together. Year 8 have been busy developing their Geography fieldwork skills with a trip to Malham in the Yorkshire Dales on the hottest day of the year! Students were tasked with collecting data and learning about this area of outstanding beauty. Year 10 also visited as part of their GCSE Geography course and were able to develop their skills and understanding about their learning and to use data gathered for their GCSE exams next year.



Year 10 students have taken part in a very successful Post-16 Taster Day, giving the students the opportunity to experience A Level options and spending time as a Post-16 student. A large number of employers

and representatives from local businesses delivered a careers' fair and students were able to ask questions and start making plans for their future studies and employment.

Year 12 students from Sherburn High and Tadcaster Grammar visited the UCAS Discovery Fair with the chance to experience a slice of university and apprenticeship life.

After a busy week of end of year examinations, our students are heading out on Work Experience to a variety of employers including North Yorkshire Police, Solicitors, Engineering firms, Design Consultants, The Royal Armories - and even a luxury hotel in Auchterarder!

The Creative department held their summer exhibition in June. It was a fantastic event, well attended by students, parents and carers and staff. GCSE and A Level students from the creative disciplines of: Photography; Art; Food Preparation and Nutrition and Product Design, presented their superb work and they should all be incredibly proud of their achievements.

Sport continues to be a strength of the school, with numerous opportunities for students to access extra-curricular activities. A number of students have been involved in athletics competitions and have been excellent ambassadors for the school.



Events in the library



continue to go from strength to strength with virtual workshops, whole school competitions and a growing catalogue of new titles for students to access. Two

students from Years 7 and 8 were winners in a national competition to design a potion and all the entries demonstrated excellent ideas. Year 7 have been prolific with their borrowing and all students are encouraged to take part in the Sherburn High School's Summer Reading Challenge and the local, community library Summer Reading Challenge.

## Brayton CE Primary School ~ Visit us here

We were able to celebrate our recent successful Ofsted visit with the local community in the Selby Times. Inspectors found that pupils are proud of their school, attend well, and come to school enthusiastic to learn, and that respectful relationships between pupils and staff are a real strength of the school with its Christian ethos helping pupils to develop both spiritually and morally.



To get the most out of the free activities available in the summer holidays for our vulnerable children, we held an open coffee morning and invited Beki Bulmer from North Yorkshire Together to explain how the vouchers worked and helped support parents in booking activities. There are so many to choose from and these are also payable for families not in receipt of vouchers. Due to our work with families, we have been awarded a Feast School award at 'Champion' status!



In April, we held our first MAT student worship conference. Children from all of the MAT church primary schools came together to reflect on their experiences and consider what worked well. All the groups went away with a gap task which they chose to try in their own schools. We plan to follow this up in the Autumn term.



In June we hosted the STAR MAT primary netball tournament, attended by 7 of the schools. Competition was fierce across the 2 groups of games, especially for the children who attend out of school netball clubs already!

All the teams that attended had a great afternoon and played well, showing fantastic sportsmanship and a strong sense of fair play. Kirk Fenton finished top of their group, with Brayton winning theirs and finishing first overall on goal difference.



Thank you to all the staff who worked to organise and support their children in taking part, and we look forward to hosting again next year!



On Wednesday 21st February, 62 members of the Young Voices choir performed at Sheffield Arena - the largest children's concert in the world! We took pupils from Key Stage Two and had an absolutely fantastic time: singing, dancing and watching the amazing Urban Strides

performing on the stage. Lots of hard work in the months beforehand paid off and we were proud of each and every one of our singers. Following the amazing success of our Young Voices after school club, we have recently started a drama club for Key Stage 2 which has had a huge uptake. We cannot wait to see what amazing performances are in store for next term!

We have taken part in a number of different sporting tournaments during the Spring Term and have had great successes. 20 pupils from Year 3 and 4 attended the Basketball Tournament and came 2nd and 3rd. In addition to this, last week pupils attended a Dodgeball tournament where we came



1st. We have also hosted the Tri-Golf tournament this term, which was a huge success and fantastic time was had by all. Additionally, this term we have enjoyed Speed Stacking sessions in school, where all children participated in a variety of games and activities to further develop their skills.

As part of their learning this term, Year 5 children had an incredible day being scientists at Magna Science Adventure Centre.

Here they developed their knowledge of the stars and planets with a brilliant interactive workshop, even discovering how rockets get into space with an exciting (and explosive!) practical experiment. They also had the opportunity to explore the four pavilions investigating how levers and pulleys can help to transport heavy rock and dirt more easily, developing their understanding of forces, and being amazed by the fire tornado! This term, the Junior Leadership Team have been working with pupils and staff across school to identify ways in which we can improve our school further. One of the areas identified has been the structure of lunchtime and OPAL play. As a result, the JLT have worked with everyone to ensure their views have been captured. They have also been capturing pupil voice for how to further improve OPAL play and this term has seen the arrival of more digging equipment and den building materials.



For World Book Day this year, our learning was based on famous authors. Across school, the children were immersed in books by Julia Donaldson, Roald Dahl and David Walliams where, from their inspiration, they worked in collaborative groups to create a chosen character from one of their stories. There were some fantastic creations displayed in the hall and everyone loved getting creative. Our JLT rounded off the day, reading Oi, Frog! to the whole school to celebrate our love of reading.

## Tadcaster Grammar School ~ Visit us here

As we come to the end of the summer term, we can reflect on how much we have successfully squeezed into a very busy term. Students across all year groups have had so many opportunities to enrich their learning with visits and experiences outside the classroom including the Year 7 residential to Castle Howard, the Year 8 visit to Holderness Coast, students from Year 9 have had a fantastic two days away when they travelled to enjoy the Wimbledon Tennis Championships. Many Year 10's have been away for several days as their GCSE options have given them opportunities to enhance their classroom learning with visits to the Opal Coast in France, History students have visited the Battlefields, Music and Drama students have been entertained with several visits to the theatre to see a wide range of productions including Hairspray in Manchester. Geography field trips to the east coast and various towns and cities have meant that several year groups have had days out of school.

Success with sports fixtures has seen our football teams in regional finals, and athletics brought home several medals from the York & District Athletics Finals at the end of June. CONGRATULATIONS to all students for their enthusiasm and commitment to all sporting activities and fixtures - we are very proud of all your achievements.

During the Autumn term, year 8 students were invited to put their French skills to good use and develop links with a school in Tadcaster's twin town, St Chely d'Apecher.



Students and staff from both schools have been writing to each other since and there was great excitement at the end of June as 41 students and their teachers came to visit. We'd like to say THANK YOU to the Twinning Association of Tadcaster and the Oglethorpe & Dawson Trust for their generous assistance in the funding of this visit.

In April, Highfield Care Home launched a competition to name their Residential and Memory Lane communities within the new home facility in Tadcaster. Several TGS students entered this competition and we were delighted to hear from Ruth at Highfield Care Home who shared that Adam (y8) and Oliver (y7) had won with their entries of Greenfield and Meadow. They were very happy with their prizes of chocolate treats. Saturday 28th September is the day we open our doors to those families who are considering Tadcaster Grammar as their secondary school. We are really looking forward to being able to showcase what a fabulous school we are, and what we offer all students - not just the core curriculum, but the wide range of enrichment activities, educational visits and opportunities. Please view our current extra-curricular programme [here](#). We would like to wish our students, staff and families a very enjoyable summer break. We look forward to welcoming existing students, and those joining us in Year 7, in September.



A Year 7 student at Tadcaster Grammar School, Sopha Smith, form 7D1, attended the National Skills Diving Competition in Sheffield Pond Forge on in June. She was awarded Gold medal for North East Champion and Gold medal for Yorkshire Champion, a great achievement with a huge amount of commitment from Sopha.



### **STAR Pupil Worship Leaders Conference**

This term, we held a conference for the pupils in our Church of England Schools who are involved in delivering assemblies or collective worship. This was a time for them to come together to reflect upon their practice, share ideas, and identify things that they could try or do better in their schools.

The pupils were absolutely wonderful to work with, and confidently shared views with each other despite never working together before. Their reflections were insightful and considered. Both individually and collectively, they identified ideas that will make a difference to other children in their school. We look forward to seeing how these develop in the future.

We plan to have another conference next year so that we can build upon the good work that has been started.



## STAR MAT Governance

As another academic year draws to a close, the STAR MAT Trustees would like to formally thank all our members of our Local Governing Boards for their time, support and commitment over the last year and beyond.

We have over 80 governors acting in a volunteer capacity to support our 11 schools and the school communities. Over the past year, our governors have formally met with their school leaders at least once every half term. In between meetings, governors visited their school to monitor the progress that children as a whole were making and to ensure progress against the school priorities. Governors have also completed annual training and attended role-specific forums (for example, termly safeguarding briefings) to support them in their role.

If you would like to find out more about your school's Local Governing Board, please visit the Governor area on the school website.

We are currently seeking additional parents and members of the local community to join our Local Governing Boards. If you would like to find out more about the role and where there are current vacancies, please contact our Head of Governance, Rachel Greenhalgh at [clerktogovs@starmat.uk](mailto:clerktogovs@starmat.uk).

### **Become a STAR Governor**

The STAR Multi-Academy Trust is a thriving community trust based in the Selby area, with 11 schools in both primary and secondary phases serving nearly 4500 students.

**Our mission is simple:** to deliver an outstanding education to enable every young person to flourish and realise their full potential.

**Could you join us and help our STRATEGIC PLAN become a reality?**

Now, more than ever, community schools and community Trusts such as STAR need the skills, insight and knowledge that governors from the wider community can bring. We have a small number of vacancies and would be delighted to hear from motivated individuals interested in joining Local Governing Bodies of our highly performing schools.

A full induction process and ongoing support and training for the role is provided.

For further information, please visit <https://web.starmat.uk/governance/governor-information-and-vacancies/> or contact our Head of Governance at [clerktogovs@starmat.uk](mailto:clerktogovs@starmat.uk).



## Facilities and Estates

### Going Green from the Ground Up!

As we strive to become a more environmentally friendly Trust, we're thrilled to announce a multi-pronged approach to sustainability:

- **Heat Pumps at South Milford and Appleton Roebuck:** These innovative systems will use electricity to move heat, significantly reducing our reliance on fossil fuels and lowering our carbon footprint.
- **Solar Panels at Tadcaster Grammar:** We'll be harnessing the power of the sun by installing solar panels. This pilot project will allow us to monitor their effectiveness before potentially expanding their use across our other schools.
- **LED Lighting Across All Sites:** We've completed the transition to LED lighting throughout our entire school estate! LEDs are much more energy-efficient than traditional bulbs, further reducing our energy consumption.



### Here's what you can expect:

- **Cleaner Air, Healthier Learning:** All these initiatives contribute to a healthier and more comfortable learning environment by reducing emissions, promoting renewable energy, and improving lighting quality.
- **Energy Efficiency:** These projects will lead to significant energy consumption reductions, saving us money and resources.
- **A Sustainable Future:** By embracing these innovative solutions, we're taking a giant leap towards a greener future for our Trust and the planet.

### Investing in Your Child's Learning Environment: Estates Update

This summer, we're buzzing with activity as we continue to invest in our school estates! We're committed to creating a safe, comfortable, and inspiring learning environment for all our students. Here's a look at some of the exciting projects underway:

- **Revitalised Learning Spaces:** We're repurposing classrooms to better suit modern teaching methods and cater to the evolving needs of our students.
- **Enhanced Weather Protection:** Replacing roofs, windows, and doors will ensure a comfortable learning environment year-round, come rain or shine.
- **Safety First:** New external fencing will further safeguard the well-being of our students while they're on school grounds.
- **Improved Parking Facilities:** We're making pick-up and drop-off smoother and more convenient with upgrades to our car parking facilities.
- **Modernised Student Toilets:** Student comfort is a priority! We're investing in refurbishments to provide clean and updated restroom facilities.
- **Functional Staff Space:** Our Trust office space is receiving an upgrade to enhance functionality and create a more efficient workspace for staff.
- **Refreshing the Look and Feel:** We're continuing to invest in furniture, decorations, and classroom refurbishments to keep our learning spaces vibrant and inspiring.

These improvements will not only enhance the aesthetics of our schools, but also ensure a safe, comfortable, and well-equipped learning environment for all our students.



## Safeguarding, Inclusion & Wellbeing

### Kellington Primary School's work celebrated at National Conference

It was an absolute pleasure to share the excellent work undertaken by the Junior Leadership Team at Kellington Primary at a recent conference for school leaders, governors and Trustees in Birmingham. Here is Grace from Kellington centre stage via video! We were approached by the Confederation of School Trusts to



deliver a workshop at their recent Governance Conference in Birmingham alongside our stakeholder surveys provider Edurio. They were really interested in our endeavours to engage our children and young people in the Student Experience surveys we run with all our children and young people from Year 4 to Year 12. We were able to showcase our Student Leadership Conference and the amazing use of the student survey to deliver a whole programme of outdoor play experiences for the children at Kellington. There was lots of positive feedback for Grace and the hard work of Kellington staff.

### Parent Survey

Our thanks go to all the parents and carers who took the time to complete the recent survey that was undertaken in all our schools. It has provided us with a wealth of vital information about your experience of our family of schools and how we can work with parents and carers more effectively. Schools will be sharing their findings and next steps directly with parents. However across the Trust we know we need to look at how we work with parents and carers on feeling part of their school communities, how we can support attendance at school events and how we share information with parents and carers on how they can support their child in school. Once again thank you for completing this survey.



### Student Leadership Conference - Bigger & Better

We were excited to hold our second Student Leadership Conference last week and it was bigger and better! With more children and young people attending, the theme this year was "Be the Change you want to See!" Our student leaders came together to share the projects they have been working on across the year and there was plenty of opportunity to learn from one another! Our student delegates loved meeting in the swanky conference room at GXO in Sherburn and enjoyed hearing from our keynote speaker Richard Bilton - the BBC investigative journalist. There were also sessions from North Yorkshire Youth Voice and lots of information about getting involved in the locality youth councils, alongside volunteering opportunities. Thanks go to all the staff involved in making this event happen.



## STAR EATS

### HS & STAR EATS School Meals

At the start of 2022/23 academic year, the STAR Multi-Academy Trust was proud to launch STAR EATS, our new school meals service, which continues to be dedicated to providing our children with tasty, nutritional meals that can help keep them energised throughout the day.

In 2024 STAR EATS will grow and will begin to support Sherburn High School in delivering school meals.

In September, students at SHS can look forward to the addition of STAR Bakery, STAR Spuds and a new Street Food servery, which will provide alternative options to the traditional school meal. We will also be investing in a new till system.

At STAR MAT, we believe that every student deserves access to high-quality meals that not only meet their dietary needs, but also contribute to their overall well-being and academic performance.

Menus will also be revamped for September in our primary schools and will now also include STAR Bakery and 4 new meal choices including an 'all day breakfast'.

