

Newsletter May 2017

It is a year since we first began our consultation on the formation of the Connect Multi Academy Trust. There have been a considerable number of developments since that time, although not many of them will be overtly visible to you as your children will have been continuing their learning journey through their own schools' unique and exciting curriculum.

Teachers, however, will be able to talk about the joint CPD opportunities which have been offered to them allowing them to work on classroom practice together and learn from each other. This will have a direct impact on the quality of teaching and learning for your child.

We started off with a thought-provoking INSET day at the Guildhall where over 350 staff, Directors and Members listened to the international educational speaker Roy Leighton.



We were challenged to consider the power that shared curiosity, collaboration and open minds can bring and how it helps to deliver the change that we are aiming to undertake.

We will be aim to be 'passionate, purposeful, understanding' in our drive for excellence, ensuring that we act, evaluate and embed our learning in the classroom and in our work as school leaders at all levels. Already teachers are using the learning line in their classrooms

The Learning Line



The Research group- made up of staff from all of the schools in the MAT - are working on the most effective way of providing feed back to pupils. This work is being shared with all teachers and will have dramatic impact to the learning in your child's class.



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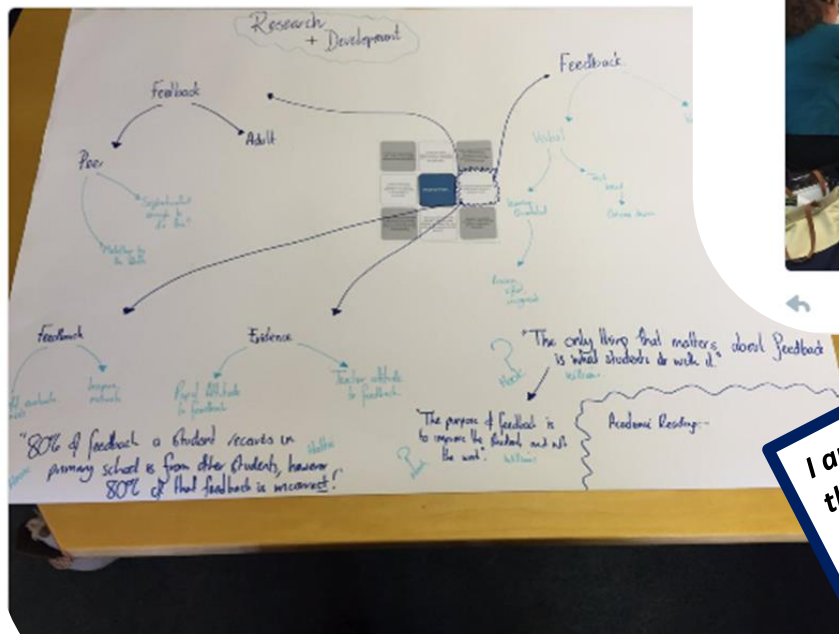
Thank you @Y3Penguins for letting the teachers use your classroom!! We loved your learning line! Here are some teachers working hard...



I am really happy to be working in such a forward thinking MAT and I am enjoying teaching more than I ever had probably due to having the opportunity to/being encouraged to reflect on my own practice and seeing it making a difference in the classroom.

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Research was on the agenda today... How can we use feedback to move learning on?



Staff across the MAT have supported change and development in the schools through our programme of school Enquiries.

Subject coordinators are working together to prepare and share resources to benefit all children. All staff are working on creating a resource bank of 'grappling' ideas to support the development of mastery and resilience in our learners.

We have accessed joint funding for Thrive training across the MAT schools and made cost savings on many joint purchases.

The children from the Student Councils in each school have come together for a MAT Council and are looking at taking forward ideas generated by the pupils.



As we move forward we are excited by the future opportunities which working together creates and at a time when budget cuts threaten many schools our working together gives us strength and different ways of fulfilling our vision ...



**Every child has the right to an appropriate and engaging curriculum,
delivered by motivated and skilled professionals.**

We would be keen to hear any ideas and suggestions for future plans to support our young people's growth and development.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Jane Bellamy'. The signature is written in a cursive style.