



**North Cornwall
Learning Trust**

Working Together for Local Children

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the spring term, it feels wonderful to have all our children back in school. Whilst the remote learning offer across our schools was a huge success, there is nothing quite like having the children back in the classroom. We have every hope that this will continue long into the summer term and beyond. Our teachers have some very exciting plans for the coming months, and we are hopeful that by the end of the summer, we may even be able to get our Trust schools together for some joint events.

In the meantime, our teachers are busy assessing the educational impact of lockdown so that we can begin to develop some clear, and well-focused plans, to target any knowledge gaps and ensure that our students are well prepared for the next stage of their education.

Over the year so far, we have developed some strong curriculum teams across our schools, focused on how we can best support and examine our curriculum and develop some exciting opportunities and experiences for our pupils. Teachers across the Trust are working together to begin to define what it means to be a pupil at North Cornwall Learning Trust. This is work we hope will begin to crystallize over the summer term so that we can share it with our community.

However, we are undergoing a few changes centrally and I wanted to write and update you on a few matters pertaining to the Trust.

Firstly, we will sadly be saying goodbye to our Chief Financial Officer (CFO) this week. Michele Bacchus has been a pivotal leader at Sir James Smith's for many years and a key architect in the formation of NCLT. She will be leaving us for pastures new and we wish her all the best in her new role. The Trust is currently recruiting for this post and we hope to have a new CFO in place for September.

In the meantime, I will be stepping up to the role of Chief Executive Officer full time for the summer term, in order to oversee the management of the central team and manage the continuing development of the Multi Academy Trust.

We have also had a couple of new appointments to the Trust Board. Tom Imber has joined us from St Teath governing body. Tom's background in finance will be extremely useful to us, not

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least in the coming months. In addition to this, we have just recruited Peter Hughes. Peter is CEO of Mossbourne Federation in Hackney. Peter's expertise in educational excellence will assist us in our drive for outstanding outcomes for our pupils in every school. I have attached below a pen portrait of all our Trustees to give you a full picture of the Board's expertise.

The Trust Board steers the direction of the Trust, helping to form our priorities moving forward. The Trustees all give a significant amount of time, voluntarily, in order to ensure that our pupils are getting the best possible education and opportunities.

We are always looking to expand our Trust Board, and our local governing bodies. If you feel that you have the time and expertise to help, and expertise comes in many forms, please get in touch with us for further details. Specifically, at the moment, it would be useful for us to have Trustees with legal or facilities management backgrounds, but we are also always looking for people with local knowledge.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for the continued support that you have shown our schools and Trust throughout this very difficult year. We received some wonderfully positive feedback over lockdown, which helped our teachers enormously as they faced the unprecedented challenge of developing an effective remote learning offer. Something I think that they did phenomenally well. All our schools sit within the heart of their communities and the communal support given to them this year has been greatly appreciated.

I look forward to an exciting summer term, full of the educational enrichment activities that our schools thrive on providing.

Yours faithfully,

Phil Banks

Phil Banks
Chief Executive Officer

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Lyn Davis

I moved to Cornwall in 1981 and joined Sir James Smith's School; on completion of my A Levels I joined the Civil Service. Currently I work for the Department for Work and Pensions, as part of the Senior Management Team. My job role is: the effective monitoring of performance; adherence to policy; encouraging collaborative working between teams and directorates to drive innovation and improvements; identifying risks to performance achievement and driving forward continuous improvement; and developing a holistic grasp of all business areas. I have worked tirelessly over the last few years with two local schools; I have always been an advocate of joining the schools together to provide an enhanced service to the pupils. Now the NCLT has been formed I have volunteered my services to help build on great experiences and create new benefits that the newly formed NCLT will bring to the children in the local area.



Ruth Krolik

Before moving to Cornwall, I worked as a social worker and then worked for North Cornwall District Council. I have four children who are now all young adults following successful careers mainly due to the excellent education they received here in North Cornwall. Since 1998 I have been a governor for three schools one in Devon, Delabole Primary School and Sir James Smith's School in Camelford. As a parent I have always been passionate about the education of children and believe it is one of the main routes into a successful and fulfilling life. During my time as a Governor at Delabole Primary School the great benefits of federating with other schools, and how collaboration can make financial savings, enabling more money to be available for actual teaching, became very clear. Throughout my time at Sir James Smith's, I have watched the school improve in such a positive way, where outstanding teaching practice is shared, and everyone is aiming for excellence. I believe that more shared expertise across schools can lift standards even higher and give all our children the very best chances in life. I believe transition from the primary level to secondary should be as seamless as possible, working together as a team of schools and organising shared sport, music and teaching can enable the students to feel more comfortable when the transition to secondary occurs. As a Trustee, I also feel passionate about the pastoral work of the school and hope to see our schools working together, sharing good pastoral practice, and therefore enabling children and students to be supported so they can achieve their very best. I believe it is a real privilege to be a Trustee and be a part of a team where the focus is not just on our own individual schools but all the schools in the area and how we can work together to improve standards and enable children in North Cornwall to receive the very best education.



Naomi Quinn

I attended primary school at Tregadillett, secondary school at Launceston College and, at 16 years old, I continued my education for two years at Saltash College, studying Business and Finance, after which I gained employment at Duchy College, Stoke Climsland in the administration of work-based training (apprenticeships). Since 1996 I have been in partnership with my husband running our 800 acre mixed farm. I am a mother of four children, who all attended Otterham Primary School and Sir James Smith's Secondary School. I have a passion for the welfare and education of the young people of this area and their families, that they would have the opportunities to thrive and

	<p>the aspiration to make their way in life in the best way possible and their education takes a major role in this.</p> <p>I desire to see effective, efficient schools in our locality that are working together for the benefit of all. Enabling our small local schools to have a future and to thrive in a tough financial world, enabling and encouraging a strong sense of community and support.</p>
 <p>Robert Rush</p>	<p>I grew up in Camelford, attending Camelford Primary School and Sir James Smith's School, before studying computing at 'Camborne Tech' in the 1980s. I graduated from Huddersfield University in 1991 with an Honours degree in Electronics & Information Engineering. I am married with two grown up daughters who both progressed through the Camelford schools and who are now setting out on their own life journeys.</p> <p>I am a founding director of Camelford Leisure Centre and helped to save the facility from closure in 2012 bringing it into community ownership where it now continues to offer a wide range of services with a talented and committed staff.</p> <p>I sat on the Board of Governors at Sir James Smith's School for about 10 years and as Chair of Governors for the last two years, a term that included the appointment of the school's new head teacher. I believe my experience at SJS and through the recent changes in North Cornwall schools, through the Moor & Coastal Partnership Trust and then into the Multi-Academy Trust, is a useful background. I have taken an active part in the local community, including several years involved in Camelford's original pre-school group (we rebranded during my Chairmanship to Little Acorns Nursery) and many other organisations such as the former Camelford Town Forum and the short-lived Camelford Launderette. I welcome the opportunity to continue making an important contribution to the community through the NCLT.</p>
 <p>Sarah Parkman</p>	<p>I was born and brought up in Solihull in the West Midlands. I left college with two 'A' levels and worked for a local estate agent until I moved to the mortgage sector. In 2000, I moved to Cornwall with my two sons, they both attended Veryan Primary School and The Roseland Academy. In 2001, I joined Devon and Cornwall Police and worked in the Criminal Investigation Department and later the Child Abuse Investigation Unit. I retired in September 2019 and am now a self-employed hypnotherapist in Camelford. As a parent myself I recognise what impact teachers and peers can have on our children. I am passionate about children being given the right opportunities to reach their full potential and achieve their dreams. I am honoured to be a Trustee and I look forward to working with the team to ensure that our schools provide the best education to all students.</p>
 <p>John Ruddleston</p>	<p>I moved to Cornwall with my wife in 2010 and was also based down here in the 1970s while serving in the Royal Navy. I own an International Management Consultancy based in Camelford which has a client base around the world. I am a keen surfer and climber.</p> <p>Earlier in my career I had the responsibility for training and mentoring Craft, Technical and Graduate apprentices and found this very rewarding. Having a passion for lifelong learning, when the opportunity came up to be a Trustee of the North Cornwall Learning Trust, I didn't hesitate, I am a great believer in education and understand the impact and importance it has on children's dreams and ambitions.</p>



Tom Imber

I was born and brought up in Shaftesbury, Dorset and went to the local grammar school. I went to Oxford University to study Maths and got a 1st class degree there.

I joined Prudential, now M&G, as a trainee actuary and qualified in 1975. Having already received my M.A., I was entitled (and still am) to use the initials M.A. F.I.A

After working in many different areas of the business, I retired in 2009, and in 2015, my wife and I moved from London to St. Teath, having always loved the area.

St Teath is a wonderful community, and both my wife and I are very involved in it.

We have four children and, as of February 2021, four grandchildren.

I want to support the communities of North Cornwall by helping to give the children in the area access to the best possible education they can get. It is so very important. When I was a governor previously, I believe I made a positive difference and I really enjoyed my role. I aim to do the same at NCLT.



Peter Hughes

Newly appointed – Pen Portrait to follow.

Peter is currently the CEO of Mossbourne Federation in Hackney, London.