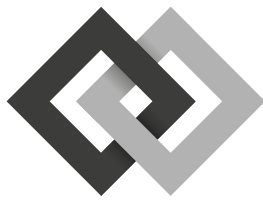
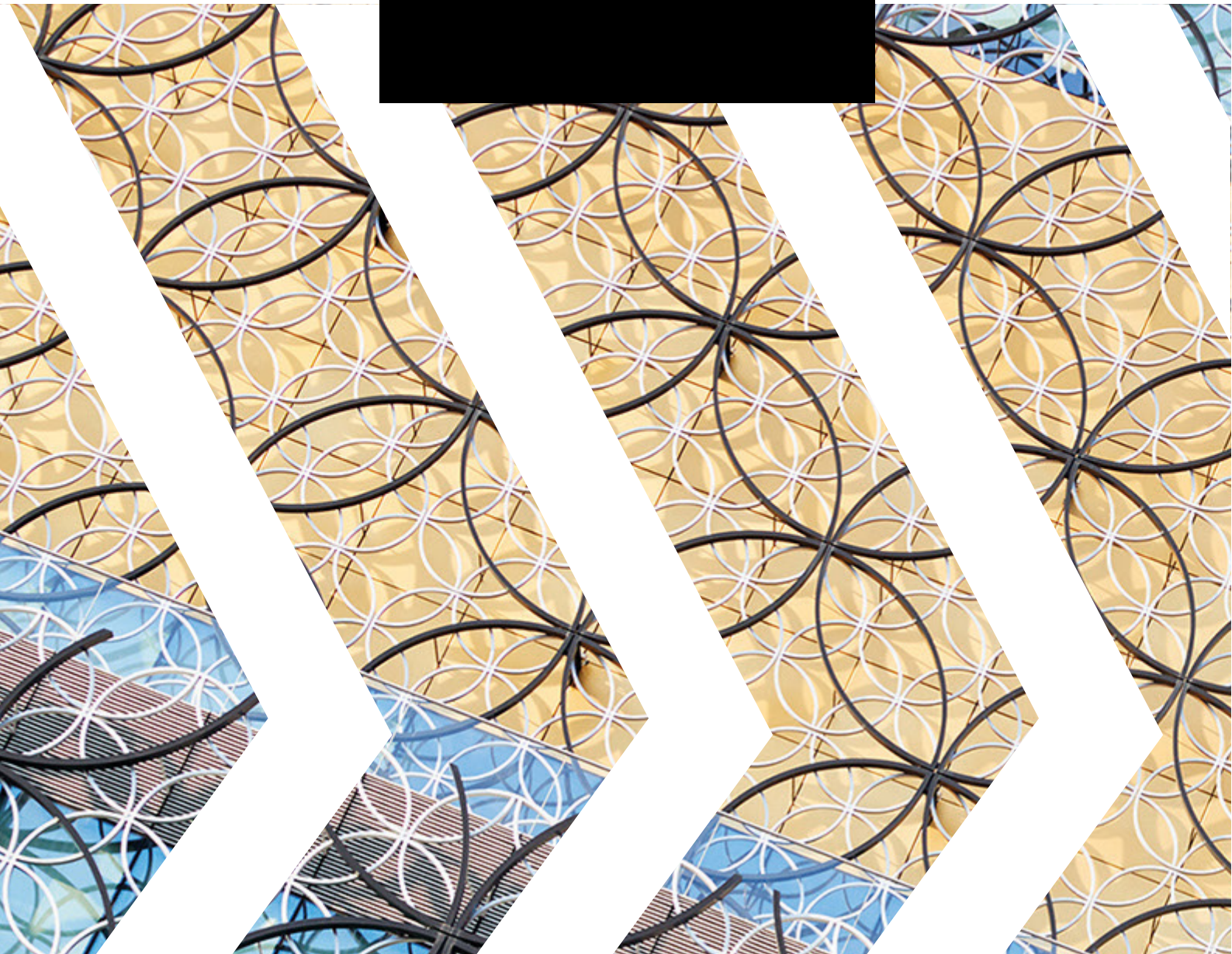


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## Welcome from the CEO

### Dear Applicant

**FMAT was established in 2014 by a group of dedicated individuals who were committed to “enriching the lives and transforming the futures” of our students. Since I joined the Trust in February 2020, there has been a strong emphasis on the growth and development of the Central Education and Business Teams to support efficiencies and improve outcomes through strategic collaborative work, all of which is of great benefit to our students, staff, and the wider community.**

FMAT serves over 4000 students in the West Midlands, ranging from 4-18 years of age: with approximately 50% from a disadvantaged background, 18% on the SEND register and 15% EAL. Our vision is that every child within the Trust, regardless of their background, will attend an Academy that offers high-quality education. This means:

- » Every child is recognised as an individual and has access to first-class pastoral care because we want them to be happy.

- » Every child benefits from a wide range of enriching opportunities because we place great emphasis on their personal development.
- » Every child benefits from dedicated leaders, teachers and staff who are relentless in their ambition to improve the quality of teaching in our academies because we know excellent teaching is key to transforming the futures of our students.

This role poses an exciting opportunity for the right candidate to fulfil their vocation, whilst making a real impact, raising standards and consequently “enriching the lives, and transforming the futures” of our young people. They deserve nothing less.

**For any potential candidates that wish to have an informal discussion, please contact Michelle Dolphin, PA to the CEO, by email at [m.dolphin@fmat.co.uk](mailto:m.dolphin@fmat.co.uk)**

**Simon Jones | CEO**  
Fairfax Multi-Academy Trust

# Our Trust

## OUR MISSION

Our Trust was formed in 2014 and has grown to include four academies, which provide education to over 4000 students within the Birmingham and Solihull regions. The Trust is firmly rooted in its mission to 'enrich lives and transform futures' and our moral purpose ensures that we aim to achieve this within a diverse range of communities, serving children from ages 4-18 years.

We achieve our mission by ensuring our students access a broad and wide-ranging curriculum whilst being supported in a structured, kind and caring environment. Our students have access to extensive extra-curricular opportunities because we place great emphasis on their personal development.

## OUR APPROACH

FMAT's philosophy is that each Principal leads and make decisions within their Academy, whilst operating within a framework that adheres to the Trust's Mission, Vision and Values.'

The Trust's Strategic Aims filter down into every area of our organisation, through the Annual Delivery Plan, Academy Improvement Plans, and individual Performance Management Objectives, which ensures that all employees are ultimately working together to achieve our mission to "Enrich Lives and Transform Futures".

Centrally, there is an established business function which includes Finance, HR, Estates, Communications and Marketing, Data and Governance. Within the central Education Team is the School Improvement Team (SIT), which includes Leads in the following areas: Pastoral, Maths, English, SEND and Professional Learning. Following the Trust's Model of School Improvement and using the concept of CSI (Challenge, Support and Intervention), they support our Academies to bring about improvements.

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## OUR VALUES

Our mission and vision are underpinned by our values which guide all our activities every single day in order to support all our students to achieve their full potential regardless of background.



### EXCELLENCE

We strive for the highest quality to ensure excellence outcomes and personal achievements.



### DEDICATION

We believe there is dignity in hard work and effort.



### INTEGRITY

We believe in openness, honesty and have a real sense of moral purpose.



### TRADITION

We believe in good manners, kindness and respect.



### AMBITION

We aim to be the best that we can be, in all that we do.



# Our Benefits

At Fairfax Multi-Academy Trust staff wellbeing is prioritised in order to ensure that our staff feel valued and are equipped with a broad range of strategies, resources and services to accommodate their needs.

## MENTAL HEALTH WELLBEING

- » Counselling
- » Wellness Hub
- » Mental Health First Aiders
- » Hub of Hope
- » Wellbeing updates
- » Menopause awareness training
- » Stress management guide
- » High-quality staff training
- » Trust-wide email communication guidance

## PHYSICAL WELLBEING SUPPORT

- » Free flu jab
- » Access to fitness programmes – including yoga, HIIT and more
- » Access to physical activities – during our Trust-wide wellbeing week
- » Diet and nutrition webinars

## FINANCIAL WELLBEING SUPPORT

- » Educational support
- » Salary sacrifice scheme
- » Flexi Perks
- » Perkbox subscription
- » Financial management



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I have enjoyed working collaboratively with FMAT colleagues in Trust Network Groups (TNGs) and I have benefited from a range of CPD opportunities that have prepared me for middle leadership. For example I am currently studying for an NPQLT through Ambition Institute.

*Laura Walton, CL Art, Bournville School*



## Professional Learning

At Fairfax Multi-Academy Trust (FMAT) we believe that professional learning is an entitlement for all of our employees and that regular training enables our colleagues to continually focus on their areas of growth and make improvements, along with upskilling themselves in order to secure the career path of their choice. We also understand that effective professional learning empowers its' employees to pursue a moral purpose of helping students to thrive and as a result, it is a key component to achieving the Trust's mission to "enrich lives and transform futures".

FMAT have invested in various services and partnerships to provide a wide variety of options in relation to further training opportunities.

Members of staff benefit from the far reaching work of Trust wide team and strategic network groups. These groups work collaboratively across the Trust to ensure the best practice is shared and that strategies for effectively reducing workload are explored and implemented. Colleagues from all academies for the membership of these groups and new members of staff are encouraged to become active participants once they have settled into their new roles.



### LEADERSHIP

- » National College
- » The Key for Leaders



### TEACHERS

- » ARK
- » Ambition
- » Apprenticeships
- » The Key
- » QTS Career Stage Professional Learning
- » Handsam



### BUSINESS SUPPORT

- » Apprenticeships
- » National College
- » Handsam



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The staff at Smith's Wood are committed, caring and ambitious. We all want the best for the students and outcomes for the school that we are proud to work in.

*Emma Douglas, Maths Teacher,  
Year 11 Achievement Leader*





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