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MAT NEWSLETTER
EDITION 1

MULTI ACADEMY TRUST NEWSLETTER 2024



CEO MESSAGE 2024

A Year of Success and Growth

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Welcome to our first MAT Newsletter!

Our MAT was established in 2014 and therefore we are entering into a second Decade of Sidney Stringer Multi Academy Trust. We have five schools, soon to be six, in our Trust: Sidney Stringer Secondary, Ernesford Grange Secondary, Riverbank Special School, Sidney Stringer Primary, Radford Primary plus we have been working with Woodfield Special School for the last four years. The MAT also leads the Coventry SCITT (Teacher Training).

We are very proud of all our schools and we have so many things to celebrate this year. This newsletter illustrates some of our proudest moments. These are from making the local News for being top-performing oversubscribed schools to Ofsted Inspection. The newsletter is rich with experiences from all our schools so we hope you enjoy reading what has been happening across the Trust and feel proud to be part of our amazing community of schools.



Claire Turpin
CEO Of Sidney Stringer MAT

Ofsted

Inspections

2023-2024

We have had two Ofsted inspections in the Trust this year. We are really proud that all of our schools are graded as 'Good' or 'Outstanding' by Ofsted.

Ofsted visited **Sidney Stringer Primary** to complete an ungraded inspection in February (Sidney Stringer Primary is an Ofsted Outstanding school). In their report Ofsted said that "pupils learn well at the school due to the ambitious curriculum which the leaders have designed. Leaders are determined that Sidney Stringer is a fully inclusive school, and are successful in ensuring that pupils from all backgrounds are supported to achieve well. Pupils behave very well at the school and...take great pride in their school. The school places considerable emphasis on the personal development of its pupils. Large numbers of pupils take part in the many trips and visits that are organised." Ofsted will be visiting Sidney Stringer Primary again after April 2025 to complete a full graded inspection.

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“GOOD”

We also had an inspection at Woodfield in November 2023. We were exceptionally pleased that Woodfield was recognised as a ‘Good’ school. In the report Ofsted said that “Woodfield is a friendly and welcoming school...staff consistently model calm, patient and respectful behaviour... Adults take every opportunity, such as chatting over break and lunchtimes, to form strong, positive and trusting relationships.” They also acknowledged that “the school’s curriculum is ambitious...the school’s personal, social, health and economic (PSHE) curriculum is a strength.”

Riverbank remains ‘Outstanding’ and Radford, Ernesford Grange and Sidney Stringer Academy are all graded as ‘Good’.

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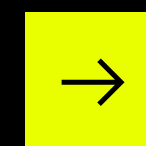
Quality Assurance Review

This year each school took part in a Quality Assurance Review from Challenge Partners.

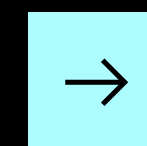
Challenge Partners are a national organisation, where a group of approximately 500 schools work together to improve the quality of education for all, by working collaboratively, sharing good practice and supporting each other to improve

Areas of “Excellence” Accreditation:

(Sidney Stringer Academy & Woodfield School)



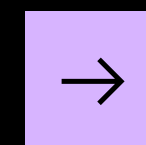
Transition from Key Stage Two to Key Stage Three



Building a Trauma Informed School – How to fully embed a whole school relational approach

Areas of “Effective” Accreditation:

(Ernesford Grange, Woodfield School & Radford Primary)



Quality Assurance Reviews

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RIVERBANK ACADEMY

*We are a caring, creative, and
motivated school where
safeguarding is our top priority.*

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Riverbank Academy



A Trip to Paris:

It has been a busy year for Riverbank Academy. We continue to stay focussed and committed to ensure all our pupils are active and making a difference in our local and wider community. We want to show everyone what our pupils are capable of and how great they all are! To achieve this, some of our pupils travelled to Paris for five days to learn about the French community as well as the Olympic and Paralympic Games. Our pupils worked in partnership with other local and French schools and were a credit to our school.



DofE Awards:

In the Summer term Groups of pupils have also completed their Bronze and Silver DofE Awards which included an independent expedition! We even held our third Summer Camp where some pupils slept in tents...on the school site!



Wales Residential:

In the Autumn and Spring term, some of our pupils attended a five day residential trip in Wales. Our pupils took part in a variety of activities including, climbing, gorge walking and kayaking! Pupils returned from this trip with a greater sense of self belief and a real “can do” attitude!

Most importantly, this year, these experiences continue to give our pupils the knowledge and skills to be healthy, active and independent. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our wonderful staff, pupils and Riverbank families for making this happen.





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A Year of Success and Growth

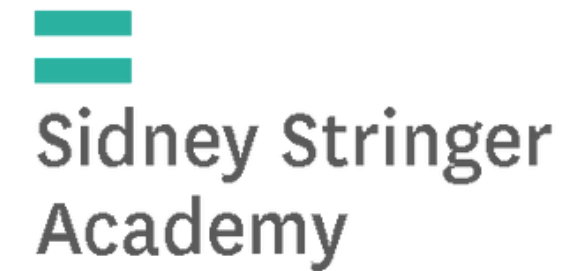
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The Stringer Family

We are very proud of what the Sidney Stringer family achieves and below are some of the highlights from this academic year:

Green Flag Award - students and staff in our eco-club secured 'Green Flag' accreditation for the Academy based on the excellent work they did on the environment and sustainability.

Unesco schools - Led by the student councils, we are a UNESCO school, promoting the values of rights and dignity, gender equality, social progress, freedom, justice and democracy, respect for diversity, and international solidarity.



Scholars Programme & Sporting Achievements:

The Scholars programme - a group of year 7 students have been impressing the scholars team at Warwick University with their work on deconstructing literary theory at university level!

Our sporting achievements - we have students in all year groups participating in a range of sporting activities, whether matches against other secondary schools, the Alrimi cup, or participation in the Cyril Regis programme.

The Alrimi Cup

On Tuesday 16th July, the second annual Alrimi Cup event took place. We invited Coundon Court over to play our Year 10 boys for a replay of the game which last year saw Coundon Court leave as the winners after a tense penalty shootout.

The Boys were absolutely magnificent and were able to bring football home, winning the game by an 8-6 scoreline. The goal scorers were: Matti x3, Anis x2, Shafaat, Dan, Theirno. Daniels goal was an absolute rocket that flew into the top corner from distance!

It was a really special event that allowed us to remember and commemorate the life of our much loved student Hamza Almiri.





ERNESFORD **GRANGE** ACADEMY

Striving to achieve excellence for all of our young people.

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ERNESFORD GRANGE ACADEMY



Full of Opportunities

This academic year has been full of opportunities for our students to develop their skills of leadership, communication and resilience both within school and in the wide range of external opportunities that have been provided.

Some of the highlights of the year include our Year 9 and 10 boys and girls 3v3 basketball teams being named the Coventry and North Warwickshire School Games Champions, the wonderful school performance of Grease the musical, and our very well attended Sports Personality of the year awards evening.



Scholars Programme & Sporting Achievements:

Some other highlights include our residential trips to France, Spain and PLG and a whole host of day time enrichment activities. We are so proud of our students and staff and our Culture Day which took place in July was a fitting celebration of our diverse, warm and welcoming Ernesford community.

Following a hugely successful year we are all really excited at the prospect of academic year 2024-2025 and look forward to celebrating once again, all things Ernesford!



ERNESFORD GRANGE ACADEMY

Disc Golf:

On Tuesday 2nd July several of our current Year 7 students took part in a transition event to support the new students who are joining us in September. We were invited to play Disc Golf at Quarry Park in Leamington with a group of Year 6 students from Aldermoor Farm Primary School. The two schools were put into mixed teams and after a short demonstration on how to play they were sent off around the course. The students from Aldermoor Farm had prepared questions for our students about life at Ernesford Grange to ask while they were playing. The students from both schools did really well and engaged in the game whilst asking and answering questions.



50+ Years of Ernesford:

50 years ago the first cohort of first years were completing their initial year of secondary school. The school was still only partly built!

Ernesford was opened as the first suburban community school in England and in its heyday, 3000 people a week passed through its doors. It was built on a former farm which included the site of a medieval monastery, the moated site. This is now a listed monument.

At the reunion we shared memorabilia from across the years including digitised cine film and 35mm slides from the very early days. We also had old copies of Newsletters, yearbooks and photographs!



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SIDNEY STRINGER PRIMARY



A Family Atmosphere:

One of the most wonderful things about SSP is the lovely, family atmosphere. We love welcoming parents and sharing exciting experiences. This year, we held many events, with highlights being Sparklers and Stories and Ice Creams and Stories! Can you tell we love reading?!. At Sparklers and Stories, families enjoyed cozy storytime with cozy cushions, twinkly lights and hot chocolate. Ice Creams and Stories featured outdoor storytime and delicious ice cream in the beautiful sunshine. Thank you to Mr. Byrne, Miss Docker, and all staff for making these events a success.

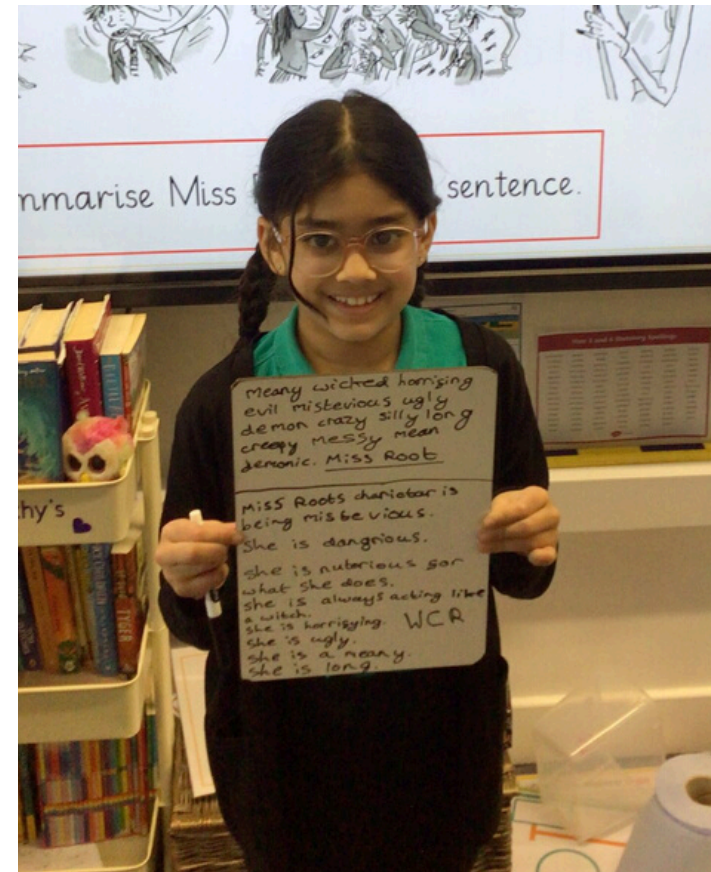


Sporting Events:

Over the spring and summer months our children have competed in many sporting events, including football, cricket, hado, multi-sports, swimming and running. Some of our children had the chance to compete in a canoeing event, Paddle Fest, in the canal basin. The children were all relatively new to canoeing, their only experience being when they went in year 2, so they all did extremely well. The children developed their water confidence and their paddling technique really quickly, securing some great results on the score board. Thank you to Mr Thompson and Miss Begum for taking the children and for booking the good weather – they had a fantastic time!

Amazing Phonics Results:

Another reason to celebrate is our fantastic phonics screening results. 92% of our children reached the expected standard, which is significantly higher than last year's national average! Our year 1 children have worked very hard this year, learning to read a huge list of words both accurately and quickly. The children have been practising reading like a storyteller, using expression and a loud, clear voice. They are now able to read a wide range of books, even the ones in the book corner! Thank you to Mrs Stevens for all of her hard work leading phonics this year, and to all of the fantastic staff that have taught the children both in reception and year 1 – the children could not have done it without your care and relentless commitment.





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Primary



Bikeability Course:

This year both year 5 and 6 have completed a Bikeability course. Many of our children had never been on a bike before starting the sessions, but by the end they were all headed for the velodrome! The children had to master both the physical skills of balancing and pedalling, as well as firming up their knowledge of left and right for signalling, and overcoming any fears that they had of being on a bike or indeed the roads! Many of our year 6 children became confident enough that the instructors were happy to take them out to cycle on the roads, which is no mean feat in a city! A huge well done to all of our children, who have learnt an important life skill and had lots of fun on the journey.

Thank you to all of the staff that have supported the children so kindly and with such commitment this year, and to the office staff who have ensured that each event and activity has gone off without a hitch.



RADFORD PRIMARY ACADEMY

Our logo and motto “**High Flyers**” embodies our ambitious aspirations for the children and adults in our community.

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RADFORD PRIMARY ACADEMY



Working with Warwick University:

Radford has focussed on raising aspirations this year, telling the children they can succeed. We have worked closely with Warwick University, involved in research projects and outreach work. This has included: a social science lecture on campus, a code-to-embroidery project, a trip for Year 5 and 6 to watch a live taskmaster, an afterschool club hosted by the History department and much more planned for next year. These events expose children to what University is and to plant some key positive memories early in their academic life.



Trips/Experiences:

We have also hit a Radford Record 60 trips/experiences this academic year, these have been a mixture of residential trips, sporting events, workshops in our hall and class trips. All trips link to our curriculum and are heavily subsidised by school funds.

Sports Events:

This year, our sports events were a success, including winning an athletics trophy. A highlight was celebrating the upcoming Paris Olympics with the Olympic Torch passing through Radford, marked by a whole-school dance. Each year group researched an athlete from a Global Care country, linking the Olympics to our new charity partnership with Global Care.

Outstanding Enrichment Visitors:

As part of our mission to raise aspirations we have had an excellent group of visitors come to Radford to teach, share knowledge and inspire the children all linked with our six school values. A 9-year-old published author, a female STEM company, our local PCSO, a Muay Thai instructor, an African drumming teacher and even a real Paralympic High Jumper - Jonathon Broom Edwards!

Thank you to everyone who has supported the children with such enthusiasm this year, and the ensured that each event and activity has been well organised and so successful.





WOODFIELD PRIMARY & SECONDARY

*We are committed to become a beacon
of excellence in SEMH education.*

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WOODFIELD SCHOOL



A Special Year with Amazing Moments:

We have had an amazing year with lots of special moments!

Our Christmas Bonanza, Easter Extravaganza and Summer Fete were a huge success and raised lots of money for the school!

We were overwhelmed to win Primary School of the Year and are excited to move into the National round in December!



Sports Day

Our Sports Day was exceptional and we were very lucky to have Tom Wood come and join us for the afternoon.

Care Home Visits:

Throughout the year, children have been visiting our local care home. They ended the year by having afternoon tea and everyone had a superb time!

We have had lots of fun celebrating lots of events such as World Book Day, Science week and Children's Mental Health Week.



Ofsted "Good":

We have converted from 'inadequate' to 'good' with Ofsted in November which provides the essential external verification of the quality of education we provide at Woodfield School. Our goal is to be 'Outstanding' in our next graded inspection and will continue to develop every area of our provision to ensure we deliver on this aspiration.



A Successful Year:

After a successful year, thanks go out to the whole Primary Team and to Sarah Mills for leading our primary site so effectively. Achieving this award acknowledges the huge importance of work we do, levelling the playing field for disadvantaged young people and their families, providing a highly specialised education experience of the highest quality.

Woodfield achieved further national recognition attaining an Area of Excellence for our 'Trauma Informed' approach through the Challenge Partners Network. This has led to Woodfield School working with other schools nationally to develop their own school policy and practice.

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COVENTRY SCITT

School Centred Initial Teacher Training.

OFSTED "OUTSTANDING"

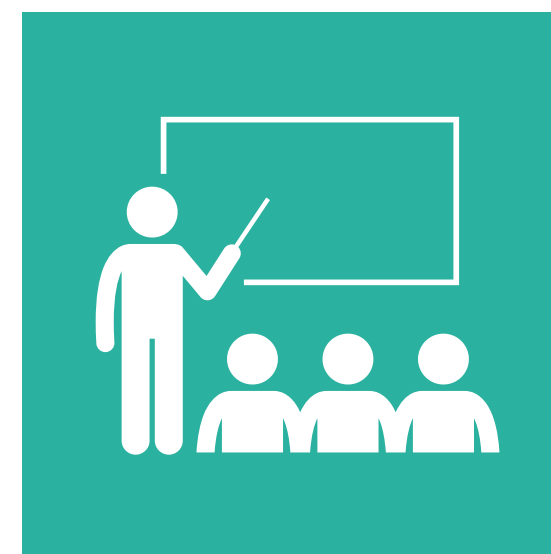
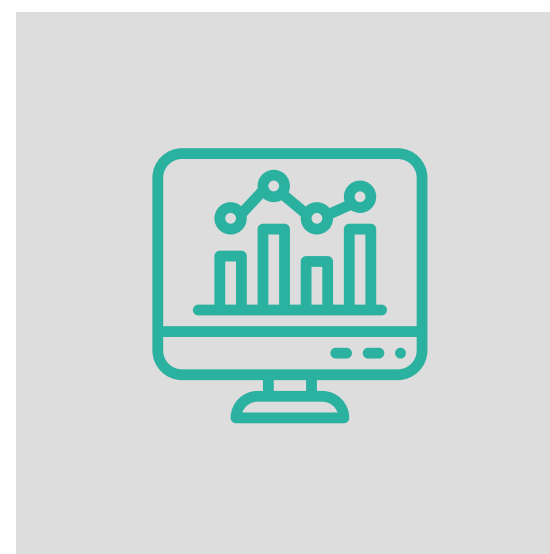
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THE COVENTRY SCITT

Overview

The Coventry SCITT is the only provider-led initial teacher training provider in Coventry. We are an innovative and diverse network of local primary and secondary schools, working together to support and develop the next generation of high quality teachers and leaders.



Postgraduate Cohort-2023/24

On Friday 28th June, we said goodbye to our fantastic cohort of 21 trainees and recommended them for QTS. The celebration event was a culmination of 10 months of teacher training, working alongside partnership schools in Coventry to support training the high quality teachers in our city. 100% of our cohort were successful in gaining employment in both partnership and non partnership schools. Congratulations to the class of 2024!

THE COVENTRY SCITT



Teaching Internships

The SCITT started the second year of the Teaching Internship programme on Monday 24th June. We have seven interns starting our three week internship programme this year from Languages, Computing and Maths subject areas. Interns are placed in partnership schools to observe expert colleagues, team teach lessons and immerse themselves in the professional role of a teacher. Thank you to Barrs Hill School for supporting the SCITT with the Teaching Internships.

Recruitment 2024/25

Teaching is the most rewarding career and brings with it the privilege of influencing children and young people's lives. The Coventry SCITT wants to work with people who are prepared to understand how pupils learn, thus making a significant impact on the progress and learning of the pupils they teach.

If you are interested in a career in teaching, and would like to apply to start training in September 2025, take a look at our website for further details of our training courses and how to apply:

<https://www.coventryscitt.org.uk/>

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MAT ART

EXHIBITION

The MAT Art Exhibition was a
Huge Success!

**AMAZING ARTWORK FROM
ALL ACROSS THE TRUST!**



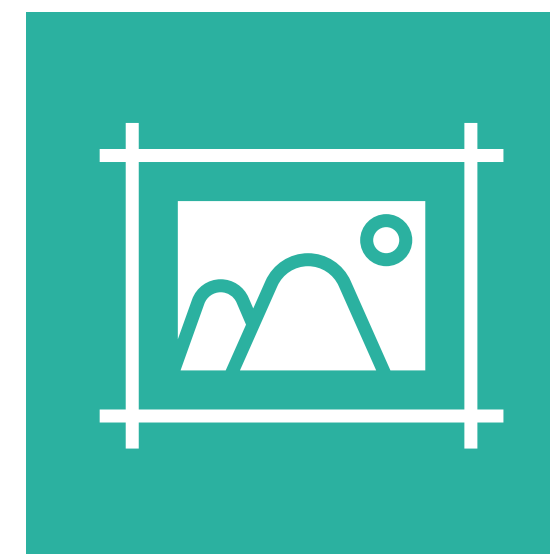
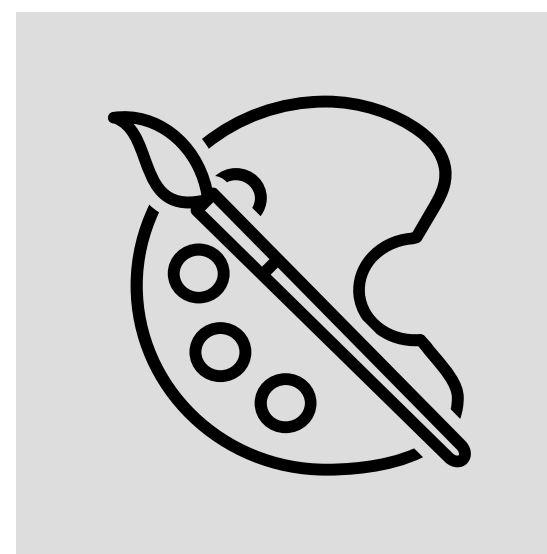
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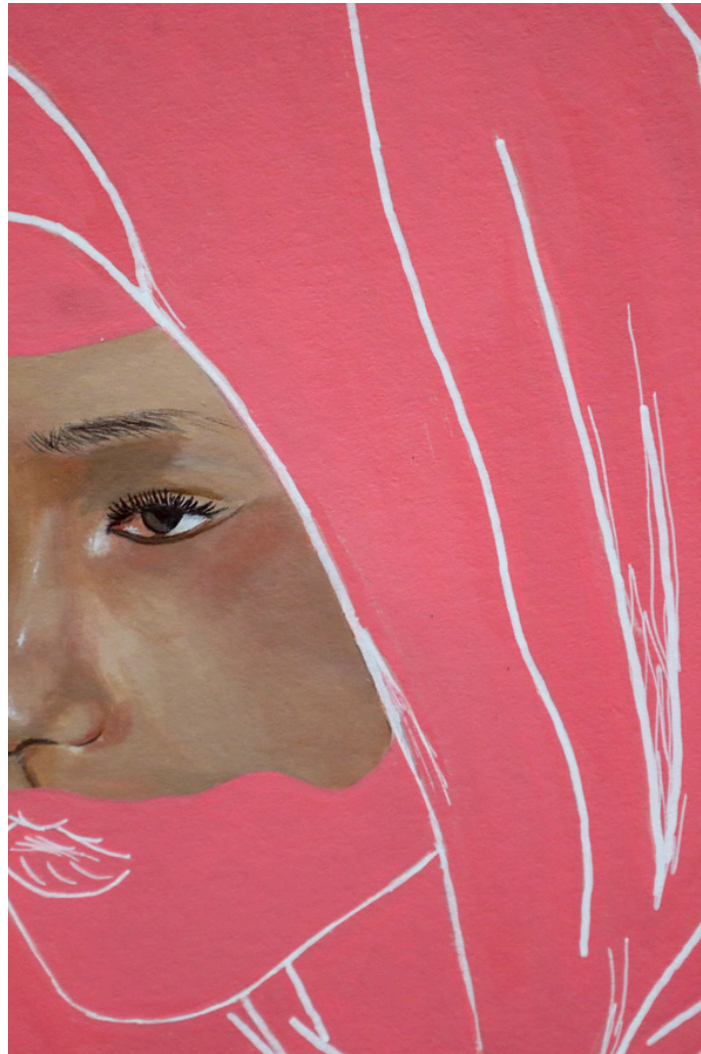
The MAT Art Exhibition was a fantastic evening, showcasing the incredible artistic talent within our trust. It was amazing to see the creative works of our students, Congratulations to all participants for their outstanding contributions. We are truly proud of the artistic talent in our community!



The Winner

Congratulations to Liza Andrule from Ernesford Grange who was the winner of the MAT Art Exhibition, for her breathtaking sculpture of the front end of a car. Her creativity, attention to detail, and dedication to her craft truly impressed the judges and set her apart.

A massive well done to everyone who participated for their outstanding entries. Each piece showcased the incredible talent, hard work, and artistic vision within our community. We are immensely proud of all our young artists and look forward to seeing more of their amazing work in the future.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We have hosted multiple professional development opportunities across the Trust.



MAT INSET DAY



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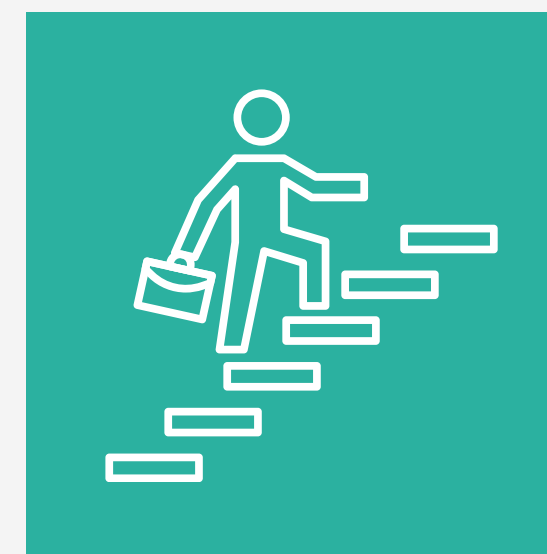
Overview

Back in October we held our MAT INSET day. This is an annual event where all colleagues across the Trust gather together for a training day focused on professional development. This year we welcomed several external speakers.



@TeacherToolkit- Ross McGill

At Sidney Stringer Academy we welcomed Ross McGill from @TeacherToolkit. Ross is the founder of @Teachertoolkit, an online blog and website supporting teachers across the world. He spent the day working with teachers and learning support assistants from Sidney Stringer and Ernesford Grange.



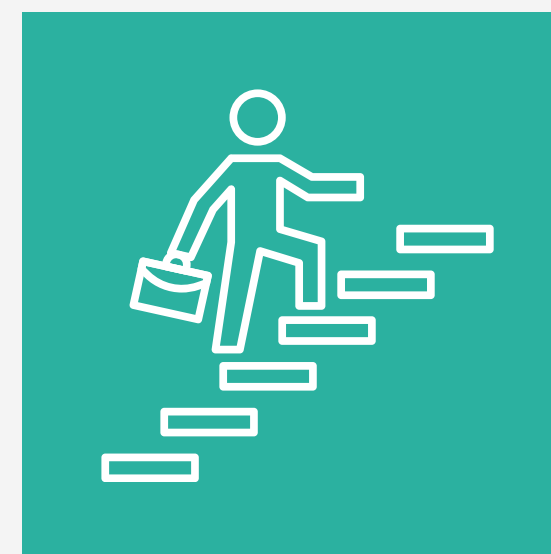
Hannah Hall

Hannah Hall is a school improvement practitioner, trainer and coach specialising in behaviour, SEMH and SEND. Hannah spent the day at Ernesford Grange and Riverbank where she worked with colleagues from across the Trust.



The Colour Works

The Colour Works are specialists in people development, they joined us at Sidney Stringer Primary where they worked with colleagues from the primary schools and also support staff from across the Trust who took part in team building workshops.



We also welcomed colleagues from Bromcom and RingCentral who delivered specialist training sessions. We are hosting our next **MAT INSET day on 20 June 2025.**

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

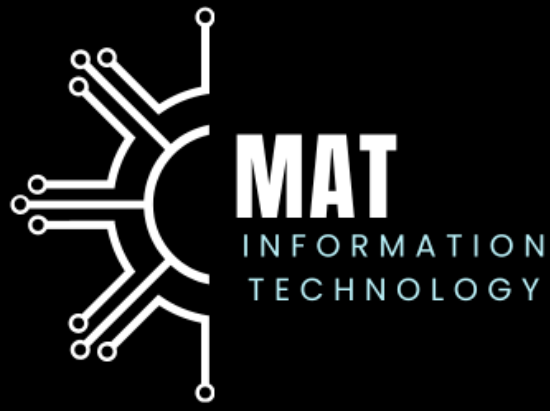


National Professional Qualifications

This year we have had over 40 colleagues across the Trust completing National Professional Qualifications (NPQs) in a range of different specialisms including Senior Leadership, Leading Teaching, Leading Teacher Development, Leading Literacy and Leading Behaviour and Culture. It was great to see colleagues from every school taking part.

Great Teaching Toolkit

We are also really looking forward to launching a professional development program with the Great Teaching Toolkit for teachers at Sidney Stringer Primary and Radford Primary next year.



MAT IT

2023-2024

Take a look at our IT Updates
from 2023-2024!

**NEW PHONE SYSTEM,
BROMCOM & MUCH MORE!**





A PRODUCTIVE YEAR

This year has been a really productive and busy year for IT. In September we launched a **single Google domain** across the MAT so that we can work more closely together and in one solid ecosystem.

In November we introduced a centralised cloud-based phone system, **RingCentral**, so that we had a central phone system and telephone directory across the Multi Academy Trust. In February we brought all of the MAT's five email systems into one single system that gave us a **central address book** and a single email system that can be securely managed.

Then from March to June we introduced **Bromcom** so that we have an MIS that can be accessed on phones, tablets, Chromebooks and from any location. It's been a major year for projects.



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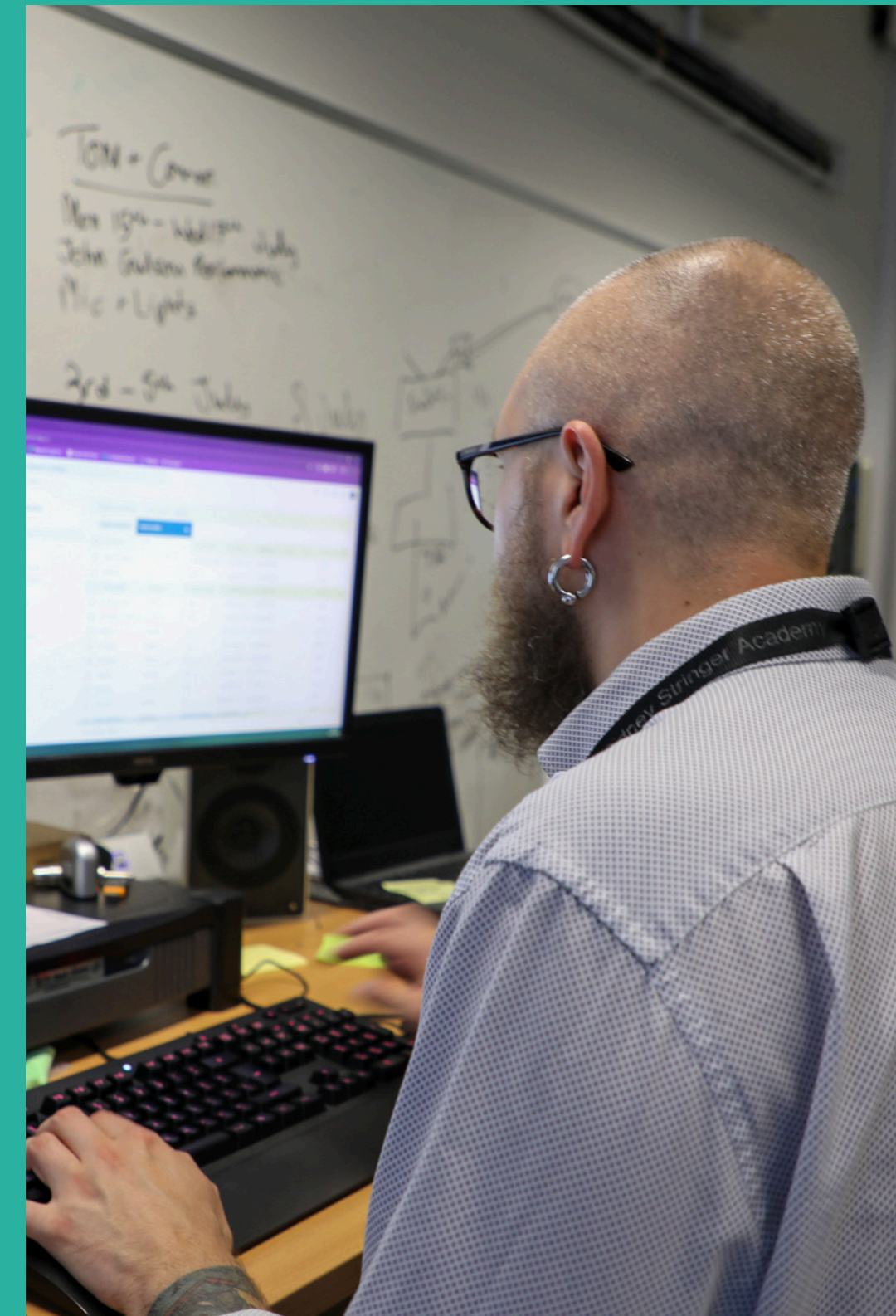
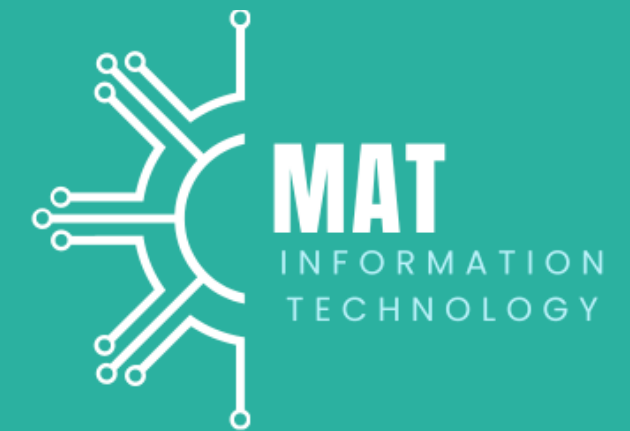


Generation 6 WiFi

We are continuing to work through our strategic roadmap and next on our plan is looking at centralising file storage across the MAT, which is something we will discuss with all schools next academic year. Moreover, we've commissioned surveys to look at bringing all of our MAT Schools up to Generation 6 WiFi so that we can enjoy fast and seamless connectivity.



Wi-Fi 6 is the latest Wi-Fi technology that makes your internet faster, works better with lots of devices connected, helps your gadgets save battery, and has stronger security to protect against hacking.





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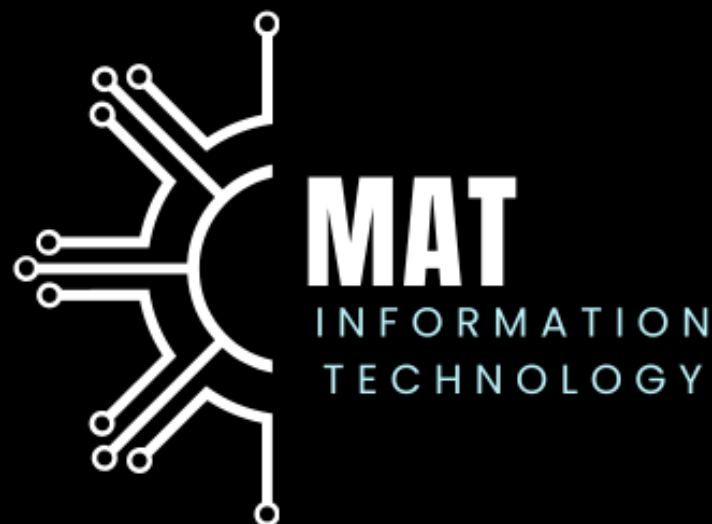
New starters at Coventry school given Chromebook laptops



1:1 Chromebook Initiative

We were thrilled to be featured in CoventryLive for the 1:1 Chromebook deployment at Ernesford Grange Community Academy. Moreover, this year we secured over £300,000 of funding from the Department for Education to upgrade the network infrastructure at Woodfield School and Radford Primary Academy which has seen both schools now achieve some of the fastest and most reliable connectivity to the very latest government standards.

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The Numbers....

This is our IT stats for the academic year 2023-2024.

We are really happy to report a successful year, with significant achievements in both project delivery and ticket closures. Our dedicated team's efforts have resulted in efficient project completions and timely resolutions of support tickets, reflecting our commitment to excellence and customer satisfaction. We look forward to building on this success in the coming year.

Tickets Closed:

(Across the Multi Academy Trust in Academic Year 2023-24)

→ 14,859

Average Ticket Response Time:

(Across the Multi Academy Trust in Academic Year 2023-24)

→ 12.4 Minutes

Average Ticket Closure (Per Day):

(Across the Multi Academy Trust in Academic Year 2023-24)

→ 76.2



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SUSTAINABILITY

Take a look at our MAT Sustainability Updates from 2023-2024!

**ENERGY MONITORING,
FUNDING FOR LED LIGHTING
AND MUCH MORE!**





An Eight Section Plan

This year we've put forward an eight-section plan on how the MAT can become more sustainable and next year we wish to roadmap this into a plan of how we will become a Net Zero Multi Academy Trust – and a core team of sustainability leaders are working hard and are committed to get us to become one of the most sustainable MATs in the country.

Energy monitoring and tracking systems for waste and resource usage are now in place. This has allowed us to make incredibly significant savings. For example, at Sidney Stringer Academy we have reduced electricity consumption by around 25% and we are confident that we can make more strides in this area. LED lighting has been installed at Sidney Stringer Academy and Sidney Stringer Primary Academy is on track to become 100% LED by this summer.

We've applied for funding for a vast expansion of Solar PV and LED lighting throughout the Trust with EON and we are awaiting a judgement on whether our bids have been successful. We have changed our waste provider to give us dedicated and clear streams to process recycling and we are excited to be launching recycling as a consistent standard of waste processing throughout the MAT next year. In terms of biodiversity, students have built bug hotels, there have been three wilding projects and we have even run a fashion show from recycled materials. We are now implementing plans to reduce our paper consumption, food waste and to ensure that all students in the MAT are educated in terms of sustainability habitually and regularly next year. It's been a great start for sustainability and one that will continue to grow and expand to become an absolutely core part of our mission and ethos.



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CULTURE DAY

EMBRACING ALL THE CULTURES
IN OUR TRUST.

**A CELEBRATION OF
DIVERSITY IN OUR TRUST!**

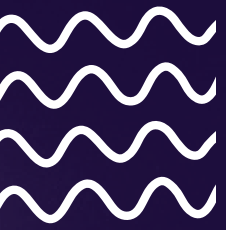




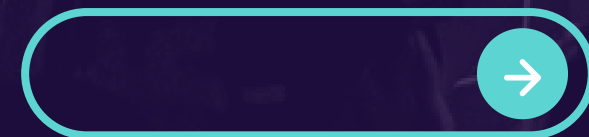
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2024 GODIVA FESTIVAL





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Positive Choices Project:

Over the past two years, Sidney Stringer Academy students participated in a music project with Positive Choices, learning instruments, beat-making, and songwriting.



The Performance:

Their hard work led to professional recordings at Coventry University, featured on the "Positive Choices" album (available on YouTube and Spotify). The students also formed a band that played live at this year's Godiva Festival..!!

WOW what a fitting end to a great project.

Special thanks to Miss Larkin and Mr. St John for their supervision. We're incredibly proud of our talented students—well done!

NEWSREEL 2023-2024

STRINGER MAT IN THE NEWS



Coventry school transformed as Ofsted rates it 'good' four years after 'inadequate' rating.

Staff and pupils at the school are delighted with the outcome of the Ofsted inspection.

A Coventry school has been left delighted after improvements led to it being rated 'good' by Ofsted. Woodfield School was rated 'inadequate' by Ofsted in March 2020. But a transformation has taken place since then. Now, after being inspected by Ofsted in November 2023, it has been rated 'good' in all areas, the school says.

Now teachers there say Woodfield School is proud to have been recognised to be paving the way for the most vulnerable children in **Coventry**. They say that since being supported by Sidney Stringer Multi-Academy Trust in February 2021, they have transformed the school into a school that "cares and that its community deserves". Inspectors commented in the report on how far the school had come. During their visit, they met with leaders, staff and governors.

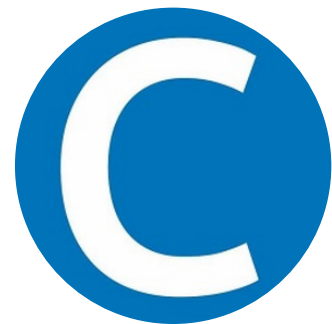
They also talked to pupils about their work and visited lessons, observed extra-curricular activities and saw tutor time sessions. They also spoke to curriculum leaders and teachers. In addition, the school says they looked in depth at areas of the curriculum, including deep dives on reading, maths and PSHE.

Teachers there say the school is one of the largest of its particular specialism. It caters for 149 pupils between the ages of 5-16, all with an identified social, emotional and mental health (SEMH) need and in receipt of an education, health and care plan (EHCP).

They say many learners have previously struggled in mainstream settings and require a special approach to their education to allow them to excel and achieve in all areas of development. Ofsted said: "Leaders pay serious attention to pupils' academic achievement as well as to their social development.

"By the time they leave the school, pupils have achieved a range of suitable qualifications. In addition, pupils become better at managing their emotions. All of this means that ever-increasing numbers of pupils are well prepared for their next steps". The report added: "Adults take the time to get to know pupils exceptionally well and take every opportunity to form strong, positive and trusting relationships. Pupils appreciate this and feel that their teachers understand them."

The inspectors said there was also a strong safeguarding culture. "We will continue to make best use of the specialist external agencies available to us and the help to build the brightest futures for our cohort moving forward. We are proud that this passion and dedication to our young people shone through so clearly during our inspection." Leaders say the next steps for Woodfield School in 2024 include full academisation into the Sidney Stringer Multi Academy Trust. On top of this, they say the school will be relocated at The Woodlands Site "which includes the co-location of all our provisions in high quality and specifically designed environments to meet the needs of our young people."



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Sidney Stringer Academy Takes Education to New Heights with Chromebook Laptop Initiative .

In September we were delighted to be featured in The Observer for our Chromebook Initiative, pioneered by our IT department! The scheme has revolutionised learning and created a level playing field amongst student’s access to devices at home.



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Coventry School, Sidney Stringer Academy, is putting the needs of modern education first by ensuring all Year 7 students receive a personal Chromebook laptop when starting at the Academy, to empower their learning journey and prepare them for a digitally driven future.

This forward-looking approach underscores the Academy's commitment to providing students with the essential tools to excel in the digital age. Beyond mere access to technology, this initiative promises to instil innovation, foster collaborative learning, and grant students instant access to a world of knowledge. The IT team has also implemented stringent safety measures to ensure that children stay secure on their Chromebook laptops.

TAndrew Walls, Assistant Principal for MAT IT, expressed that the Chromebook is the student's property to keep and maintain throughout their journey at the trust, highlighting the importance of a level playing field in education and the responsibility of pupils looking after their machine.

Andrew said: “The integration of the Chromebooks has transformed learning at Sidney Stringer Academy. All our lesson resources are stored on Google Classroom so that students can always go back to look at the slides and resources of any lesson which greatly benefits their revision and prepares them for the type of study expected in further and higher education.

Ensuring each student had a device was an important part of our social mission as a school.

When we surveyed students only 39% had access to a dedicated device of their own to use at home. By ensuring all children have access to a device we have levelled the educational playing field amongst our pupils, which is important to ensure equality of outcomes.”

Sidney Stringer Academy hopes to continue building on its technology driven approach by implementing this across all its Trust schools and ensuring every child within its care has access to the best learning opportunities.

Sidney Stringer Academy hopes to continue to develop its use of technology to further enhance the educational experience for its students and promote innovation in learning.

Coventry and Warwickshire schools to become 'hubs' for language learning.

The government's Language Hubs programme aims to increase the number of pupils studying languages to GCSE and beyond.

Two local schools are to become 'lead hubs' for a drive to boost the number of pupils who learn modern foreign languages. The government's Language Hubs programme aims to increase the number who study languages to GCSE and beyond.

Sidney Stringer Academy in **Coventry** and Lawrence Sheriff School in **Rugby** are among 15 schools from across the country to be selected for the project. The government says they will engage with schools to improve their languages offer and ensure more effective transition from key stage 2 to key stage 3. There will also be a drive to increase the popularity of learning German.

The lead hubs will also make sure that pupils aged 14 to 18 from all backgrounds have the opportunity to study languages through to key stage 5.

The Department for Education says that well as increasing opportunities among disadvantaged pupils to study languages, the programme will also increase access to home, heritage and community languages for students.

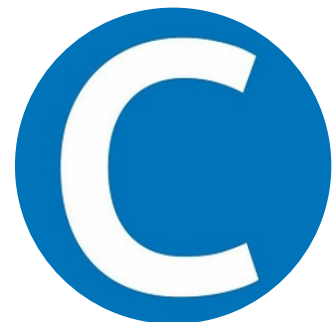
It will include a "German Promotion Project" to raise the profile of learning German in schools, led by the Goethe-Institut. It will involve increasing the number of schools that offer German.

Schools Minister Nick Gibb said: "Young people who are confident in a second language are at a huge advantage in life. On top of the social and cultural advantages it provides, there are many economic benefits of learning another language. That is why I have long called for more pupils to consider studying languages such as German at GCSE.

As Lead Language Hubs, these schools will help equip local teachers with the necessary training and knowledge to support pupils looking to do so".

The programme is being supported by £14.9 million over the next three years and will be managed by the National Consortium for Languages Education (NCLE), comprising UCL, the British Council and the Goethe-Institute. An initial 15 schools from regions across the country have been selected as Lead Language Hubs to join the NCLE's Centre for Excellence.

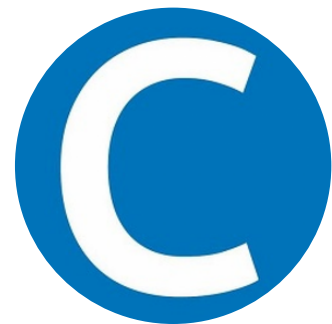
The hubs will begin their support to schools from this September. A further ten schools are also set to be selected in a second recruitment round in January.



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The hardest Coventry and Warwickshire school to get your child into.

In September, we were credited with being the hardest school in all of Coventry to get into! This highlights the confidence our local community has in the education and opportunities we can provide.



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Figures reveal that more secondary schools are oversubscribed than ever before. Official data shows that more than two in five parents didn't get their first choice of a place at Coventry's most oversubscribed school, Sidney Stringer Academy.

In the last round of applications, 387 parents put the school as their first choice of secondary, with only 220 being offered a place for this school year – just 57%. Eden Girls' School was the next-most difficult secondary to get into in the city.

Just 106 of the 182 parents who put it down as a first choice received an offer for a place this year.

It was followed by Finham Park 2, where only 144 of the 233 parents who picked it as their preferred school were offered a place.

Making it into the top three most oversubscribed primaries was **Sidney Stringer Primary Academy** (94 first choices to 59 offers).

The top schools in **Warwickshire** were even more in-demand. 239 parents put Alcester Grammar School as their first choice but only 75 were offered a place for this school year.

Sidney Stringer Academy in Hillfields was Coventry's most oversubscribed secondary school in the latest race for a place data.

That was followed by Stratford Girls' Grammar School where only 105 of the 271 parents who picked it as their preferred school were offered a place. Meanwhile, Temple Grafton CofE Primary School was the most difficult primary to get into in Warwickshire.

The Department for Education said: "The vast majority of families will be offered a place at one of their preferred schools and most will be offered their top place. We have already created over one million school places in the last decade – the largest increase in school capacity for at least two generations."



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Multi Academy Trust

Thank you

