

Dear Families,

As we begin this new term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the start of the academic year and share some truly wonderful news about what we've achieved together.

These successes wouldn't have been possible without the incredible efforts of our students, teachers, staff and, of course, your continued support.

Celebrating Student Success

Key Stage 2:

Our wonderful primary schools achieved their best-ever results, surpassing the national average. I'm particularly inspired by our disadvantaged students, who performed 20% above the national average—proof of what's possible when we work together to support every child.



Key Stage 4:

Our secondary schools have also had a remarkable year. Three are in the top 10 in Devon for progress, and two are in Plymouth's top 10, with Lipson Academy being the highest-performing non-selective school for the second year running. All Exeter secondary schools are now meeting or exceeding national benchmarks, and St. Luke's continues to be among the South West's best for disadvantaged students.



Schools are about so much more than outcomes but we are proud that more children than ever have the results they need to go on and live lives full of opportunity.

Listening to you

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our parent survey, your feedback has been invaluable. We're delighted that 9 out of 10 parents shared that their child is able to participate in clubs and activities, and 3 out of 4 of you would recommend our schools. This final question saw a rise of 5% this year. However, we know there are areas where we need to do better—particularly around being more open, accessible and clear about your child's progress and homework. We hear you, and I know your schools have already been in touch, to share their individual priority areas.



Having been identified as a focus for last year, we were pleased you told us overall the way our schools communicate with you has improved (+5% compared with last year). Where schools have implemented changes we can see significant improvements in how you feel about communication. St Luke's saw a 16% rise in response to this question having introduced a new phone system to allow more calls to be answered, clarified key contact and escalation routes and relaunched their website and newsletters. Our schools will be sharing best practice ideas and will continue to focus on improving our communication with you.



Looking ahead, our student survey is now open for Year 5 and above. Their voices mean so much to us, and we're eager to hear their thoughts. Please encourage your child to take part before 29th January.

News from across our Trust



I am particularly excited that Exmouth Community College will be joining our family of schools later this term and it's been a pleasure to get to know the school over the past year – we cannot wait to welcome you and continue to support Tom and the team.



I was also once again blown away by the dedication, ambition and joy on display at our Ted Wragg Awards in October, held in Plymouth this year. It was lovely to be able to celebrate so many students, staff and volunteers across our schools and my congratulations goes to all of our school winners and heartfelt thanks to our sponsors who make the event possible. Please [click here](#) for an overview of the evening.



A real highlight of my year so far has been to see the further embedding of our strengthening communities' work with the opening of the [All Saints Burrington Community Hub](#)



Congratulations to all at Marine Academy Primary who were Silver Award winners in the Pearson Teaching Awards for Making a Difference Primary School of the Year. I was honoured to join the team at the celebration in London at the end of November. You can read more about it [here](#)



We recently published our [2023/24 Annual Report](#), which provides a comprehensive look at the activities and achievements across our schools

Thank you, as always, for being such a vital part of our school communities.

Best wishes,
Moirá, CEO - Ted Wragg Trust