

# Trust raises the bar for city's schools

At St Bartholomew's CE Multi Academy Trust staff are proud to be home to one of the country's very best primary schools – and to be growing their Trust so they can offer outstanding educational opportunities to even more children and young people in Wolverhampton and South Staffordshire.

The Trust's flagship school, St Bartholomew's CE Primary School in Penn, has been rated Outstanding by Ofsted since 2009 and is consistently among the top 100 schools in England, being placed 45th in the prestigious Sunday Times Schools Guide last year.

## Success

Staff are now building on this success at Woodfield Infant and Junior Schools in Penn and St Benedict Biscop CE Primary School in Wombourne, which all joined the Trust recently.

Katy Kent, who has been Headteacher at St Bartholomew's since 2007 and is a National Leader in Education, said: "High quality teaching and learning is at the centre of what has made St Bartholomew's such a success.

"All children deserve the best, and I feel passionately about providing child-centred, lively and challenging learning environments in which our children flourish and are able to be the best that they can.

"We are now working hard to bring the Outstanding provision we offer at St Bartholomew's to our new Trust schools.

"We have a strong record of improving standards and we have the support of wonderful parents and teachers who have all been enthusiastic and determined to deliver the very best education for all our children at all our schools."

Indeed, school improvement is a cornerstone of the work of the Trust. St Bartholomew's



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became a Teaching School in 2015, allowing it to offer support to help other schools improve, and there are already strong links between St Bartholomew's, Woodfield Infant and Juniors and St Benedict Biscop, with Outstanding-rated teachers working throughout the Trust.

This has had an immediate impact on results with improvements across the board from Early Years through to Key Stages 1 and 2. Each school is confident of raising standards even

higher in the months ahead, and we have set challenging targets for every one of our pupils.

"We want our children to be happy, confident learners, and part of that is making sure our teachers motivate and challenge our children to enable them to excel," said Katy. "The future is very bright for all schools within our Trust, and we are all looking forward to continuing this exciting and rewarding journey together."

The schools themselves are delighted to be

a part of St Bartholomew's CE Multi Academy Trust and excited about their prospects.

Nicola Scott-Worthington, Headteacher at St Benedict Biscop, said: "Being part of the Trust enables us to work collaboratively with the other schools to improve outcomes for all our children. As teachers, we enjoy working alongside other professionals, sharing ideas and expertise and developing our skills."

Kate Charles, Head of School at Woodfield

Infants, said: "This is a great opportunity for us to become part of a caring and child-centred Trust, where learning is personalised to the needs of our children and raising standards is at the forefront of all we do."

Rachael Kilmister, Head of School at St Bartholomew's, added: "By working in partnership we will utilise the strengths of all schools in the Trust to inspire our children and push the boundaries of what is possible."



## We are proud to welcome Woodfield Infant and Junior Schools as our newest schools to St Bartholomew's CE Multi Academy Trust.



Woodfield Infant and Woodfield Junior schools have made significant progress and are supported by St Bartholomew's CE Primary, an Outstanding school in Penn, Wolverhampton.

**We're on an exciting journey - will you join us?**

**Arrange a visit to find out more!**



St Bartholomew's Multi Academy Trust - High achieving, innovative and exciting group of schools



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