

## Welcome

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Friends,

Welcome to the first edition of our new monthly newsletter designed to keep you up to date with what is taking place within Severn Academies Educational Trust (SAET).

As a Trust we are the largest within Worcestershire, working for over 3000 students and their families from nursery provision all the way through to post 16 study.

We recently welcomed Wilden All Saints CE Primary as the sixth school to join our Trust and look forward to welcoming others over the course of this academic year. Being part of SAET provides a strong base from which all our schools can work closely together and it's this collaboration that will enable the very best practices to be shared and give all the students in the Trust the very best opportunities.

All our schools are 'stand out' schools in their own right but as always there is much they can also learn from each other. Our vision is for our locally based multi academy trust to deliver the very best educational standards and wider opportunities for our young people by putting high quality teaching and learning at the heart of everything that we do.

We hope you enjoy reading about some of the work across our schools in this first newsletter which we aim to produce each month for you; alternatively our website [www.saet.co.uk](http://www.saet.co.uk) is now live and further information can be found there.

Thank you for taking the time to read a little more about our schools and students' successes and we certainly look forward to sharing more with you in the near future.



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**Chris King  
Chief Executive and  
National Leader of Education**

## The Trust welcomes Wilden All Saints CE Primary

The latest school to join Severn Academies Educational Trust (SAET) family is Wilden All Saints CE Primary, who officially became a member on 01 August 2017.

SAET was formed in September 2016 and includes The Stourport High School & Vlth Form College, Stourport Primary Academy, Baxter College, Hartlebury CE Primary School, St. Bartholomew's CE Primary School and Wilden All Saints CE Primary School. Wolverley Sebright Primary School is set to join the Trust on 01 March 2018.



School Leaders (from left): Sue Helps, Tim Waites, Jacqui Elwis, Francesca Fishwick, Chris King, Caroline Unitt, Lorna Deakin and Shelley Reeves-Walters



## Global Ambassadors set to make the world a better place

Over 100 students from across the local area took part in an exciting Global Learning Day at Stourport High School on Wednesday 27th September. The day was organised by Global Learning Coordinators from Stourport High School, an Expert Centre, in conjunction with staff from the Global Learning Programme (GLP) Partner Schools.

The day was fully funded by the Global Learning Programme and involved students from twelve schools selected to act as 'Global Stars', representing their school as Global Ambassadors. In addition to learning about different aspects of global learning, the day was designed to enable students to develop a greater appreciation of the world in a fun and interactive way.



Global Learners including students from all seven Trust schools



Global stars from Hartlebury CE Primary School

Eight students from each school joined together, participating in a carousel of activities which included activity zones to learn about world foods, energy, culture and sustainability. During lunchtime, students explored a seven metre high Earth balloon and took part in a series of Fairtrade activities. Thank you to Stourport Co-op, Stourport Fairtrade Association and Severn Trent Water for their support.

## Stourport Primary entrepreneurs

KS2 students from Stourport Primary Academy have entered the Tycoon in Schools business competition, organised by Peter Jones from Dragon's Den. Aptly named the 'Crafty Chippies', the students are busy making unique wooden gifts for the school's Christmas Craft Fair. Products include reindeers, Christmas tree decorations, vegetable and herb boxes and bird boxes.



The Crafty Chippies have been working tirelessly at lunchtimes and Thursday afternoons with support from Mr Harris to get ready for the competition. The boys have received a loan from Peter Jones' charity of £100 and have produced a business plan; they have until 15<sup>th</sup> December to make as much money as possible! If you are able to support by providing wood and tools please contact Ian James via e-mail at [ijames@shs.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:ijames@shs.worcs.sch.uk)



## St. Bartholomew's community working together at the start of an exciting journey

Students, staff, parents and members of the local community have joined forces to redevelop different areas of St Bartholomew's school environment starting with a Groundforce Day on Friday 06 October. In collaboration with Severn Academies Educational Trust, the day saw students and staff from Baxter College and The Stourport High School & VI<sup>th</sup> Form College supporting St. Bartholomew's CE Primary in transforming outdoor areas around the school.



Year 11 students from Baxter College



Year 8 students from Stourport High

At the front of the school, friends, parents and students worked tirelessly to improve the flower beds and raised beds whilst senior students from the Trust's two secondary schools, alongside several parents, worked on the extensive allotment area at the back of the school. Preparing the grounds is the start of an exciting journey, with plans in place for students at St. Bartholomew's to grow fruit and vegetables and set up a community shop in 2018.

### Post 16 Orienteering

Thank you to Steve Thomas at Baxter College for organising the first ever inter-school orienteering competition at Hawksbatch, Wyre Forest.

Post 16 students at Baxter College and Stourport High currently offer over forty enrichment opportunities including joint programmes for the first time this year.

Winning team (right) included students from Stourport VIth Form College and BC6



## Baxter College and Stourport High students join together to revive the French Exchange

Students from Baxter College and The Stourport High School & VI<sup>th</sup> Form College recently embarked on a week-long visit to Villeneuve-le-Roi, near Paris, staying with host families at partner school, Collège Jean Macé.

The exciting opportunity to involve students from both schools has been possible through collaboration within the Severn Academies Educational Trust (SAET). Students were paired up with suitable partners and stayed with their family, sampling daily routines and enabling them to use and develop their French language skills.



Students from Baxter College and Stourport High with their French partners at Notre Dame Cathedral

The French Exchange is an important development for the future with huge personal, social, cultural and academic benefits for students.

We welcome our French counterparts in March 2018. Watch this space for further details!



New friends: Baxter College and Stourport High students

## VI<sup>th</sup> Form officially opened



Distin- guished guests including Mark Garnier MP, alumni, Governors, staff and students gathered for the official opening of the new, £3.5 million state-of-the-art VI<sup>th</sup> Form building at The Stourport High School & VI<sup>th</sup> Form College.

Newly elected Year 13 President Matthew Adams and Year 7 student George Smart led the proceedings.

VI<sup>th</sup> Form students accompanied visitors on a tour of the building whilst VI<sup>th</sup> Form musicians created a fantastic atmosphere.



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