



# Partnership Newsletter

July 2024

## Welcome to our Summer Partnership Newsletter.

Sports days, residentials, leavers performances and many more exciting end of year events have taken place – this can mean one thing...the summer break is nearly here!

We have celebrated many achievements across the year - our ECT 22-24 cohort have successfully completed their 2-year induction programme with EHLT. Our Year 1 ECTs have also shown such energy and dedication to the profession at the start of their teaching journey. We are extremely proud of each of these individuals for their engagement, enthusiasm and commitment that they have shown.

We must also recognise the recent Ofsted visit that Pheasey Park Farm was part of – well done to the school for the excellent outcome!

We thank all of our schools, Universities and professional partners from across the cities for their continued commitment and for valuing our 'Partnership for Achievement' motto.

May I wish you all a lovely summer holiday, we look forward to the exciting the new academic year 2024-2025 will bring! Happy holidays!



*Rebecca Wood* – Headteacher of Partnerships for Learning.



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## Congratulations to our ECTS!

We are extremely proud of all of our Early Career Teachers and Trainee Teachers from this year.

Congratulations to our Year 2 ECTs have successfully completed their full 2-year Early Career Framework induction and have gained the skills and knowledge needed for them to now continue to flourish in their journeys through the upcoming years.

Our Year 1 ECTs have reached the end of their first year of being an ECT, which is brilliant! Each and every one of these ECTs have put their full heart into everything they have come across and are now ready to enter the next stage of their ECT journey – well done!

We are looking forward to welcoming our new Y1 ECTs to the EHLT ECT Programme who will be joining us for the new academic year. We wish them well for their exciting journeys ahead and know that they will enjoy teaching their first classes in September.

Thank you to all of the ECT mentors for all the invaluable support and advice that they have given our ECTs on their teaching journey.

The ECTs have all worked incredibly hard and have achieved so many successes here at EHLT, which we are very proud of. The commitment and passion from these individuals just reiterates the philosophy and ethos our Trust shares of putting our children at the centre.

Well done to all of these super stars – continue to shine each and every one of you! **EHLT is a Trust to be proud of!**

Another fantastic term and year shared with our Early Career Teachers from across our Trust and external schools that we are privileged to have part of the group. Our ECTs have shown such commitment during this summer term and have engaged exceptionally with the programme they have been part of.

Why not take a look on our Twitter feed to see how hard our colleagues have worked!  
Follow us on Twitter [@ElstonHallLT](https://twitter.com/ElstonHallLT) for more information on the different programmes we run.

## What our ECTs say about the EHLT programme



**Sonia Aujla –**

**ITT at EHLT 21-22**

**ECT at EHLT 22-24**

"I have had a great opportunity to train with Elston Hall Learning Trust over the last three years. With their unwavering support, I successfully completed my PGTA and have now finished my two-year ECT qualification. Throughout this journey, I have received exceptional help and support from mentors across the trust, which has been instrumental in my professional development.

The engaging conferences organised by the trust have been a highlight of my training. These sessions have significantly enhanced my understanding of the different teaching strands, providing me with practical strategies that I can implement in my everyday practice. The trust planning sessions have been equally valuable, offering insightful guidance on how to effectively plan and execute lessons.

Moreover, the conferences created a platform for trainees to discuss and share our classroom experiences, fostering a strong support network among ECTs and trainees. This sense of community and teamship has been incredibly beneficial, as it allowed us to learn from each other and grow together as educators.

Overall, my experience with Elston Hall Learning Trust has been profoundly positive. Their comprehensive support system, from engaging conferences and planning sessions to the exceptional mentorship, has prepared me well for a successful teaching career. I highly recommend Elston Hall Learning Trust to anyone looking to advance their teaching qualifications."



"Completing my Early Career Teacher (ECT) years through the EHLT programmes has been an incredible journey. From day one, the support and structure provided were amazing, making the transition into teaching smooth and encouraging. As I look back on my ECT years, I am grateful for the comprehensive support and diverse learning experiences provided by the EHLT programmes. They have not only equipped me with essential skills and knowledge but also instilled a deep sense of purpose and dedication to the teaching profession. I am excited to continue my journey, knowing that the foundation laid during these formative years will continue to guide and inspire my practice."



**Amber Cooper**

**ITT at EHLT 21-22**

**ECT at EHLT 22-24**



## EHLT Olympic Week

Across the Trust, schools had an excellent week celebrating the Olympics. It was a jam-packed week, where children took part in inter-trust competitions across a range of sports including Tag-ruby, Water Polo, Hockey and Athletics. We are very proud of how well the children represented their schools and the key sportsmanship qualities they demonstrated in these events.

Check out our school websites and Twitter updates for the many captured moments across the week in our schools. We are a Trust to be proud of – well done everyone!



## Proud Moment!

Huge celebrations are in order for Pheasey Park Farm who were rated as a **‘Good’** school in their recent Ofsted Inspection during this summer term.

Pheasey Park Farm have continued to work hard and commit themselves to ensuring the best outcomes for our children.

Many congratulations to the school and all the staff who have worked hard to secure this judgement. It really is such a team effort and reinforces the Trust motto ‘Partnership for Achievement’ - as everyone has an important role to play.





## Message from the CE

It is wonderful to read about our successful ECTs who have now completed their two-year induction. Of course, we have seen them develop during this time in our Trust schools and have shared with them their experiences through our own Induction Programme. Not only have we been able to plan their progress, but they also now have a group of colleagues to share their experiences in schools they know – well done everyone. We now look forward to taking a new group into their second year whilst teachers right at the start of their career in our Trust have already met to learn about their Year 1 programme beginning in September.

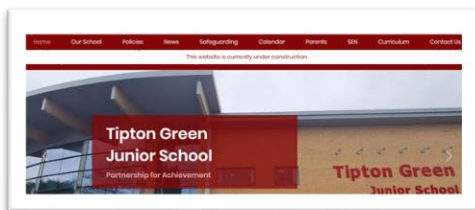
As ever across EHLT it has been the busiest of years. We have successfully welcomed Ofsted to two of our schools, supported other schools in the West Midlands through the TSI programme and grown our school improvement team across The Trust. We have the evidence to see how well our children have achieved but more importantly seen how they have grown together in their own schools, working cooperatively with friends in other schools. This culminating in recent EHLT Olympics where all schools competed 'with the EHLT Olympic Spirit' but all returning home with a selection of Gold Medals.

At the end of this school year, I need to record my thanks to our children and EHLT staff and all our families - Thank you everyone.

**Kevin Grayson – Chief Executive**

## EHLT School Websites

It is with great pleasure to share the success of the EHLT school websites – these are now all in action and showcase the excellent practise that takes place in all of our schools. Tipton Green Juniors were the final school to have their school website enhanced, which completes the website design enhancement across our schools.



## Interested in training to be a teacher?

There are different routes available to you, so why not come and chat to us about our Strategic Alliance Postgraduate routes into Primary Teaching. We work with a wide range of schools across Staffordshire, Sandwell and Dudley and we can look to place you within schools that best suit your training needs. As we work in conjunction with Birmingham University and the University of Wolverhampton, we are sure you will find the programme that suits you best!

For further information regarding the ITT that is hosted through EHLT please email: [rwood@ehlt.org.uk](mailto:rwood@ehlt.org.uk)

You may wish to have a look at what the DfE shares on their website – there are some helpful steps and a lot of insight into the Teacher training courses out there...

Have a look - Steps to become a teacher | Get Into Teaching GOV.UK (education.gov.uk)  
(<https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/steps-to-become-a-teacher>)



**Elston Hall Learning Trust wish all our schools, families  
and working partnerships a very Happy Summer!**

**The holidays have arrived!**

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