



As a family of schools, we are brought together by a shared vision to inspire children to Learn, Enjoy, Succeed.

Read on to see how we support ten schools in delivering the best education to 3,300 pupils, with a breadth of opportunity for all children to succeed and thrive.



## Highlights

Hover over the images to read more details on what pupils have been up to.



## Welcome

Welcome to our staff, parents and carers, and especially to those of you who are receiving this BPET newsletter for the first time.

You will be acquainted with the activities and successes of the school your child is enrolled in, but through this newsletter we want to share news from all BPET schools and the wider projects we are involved in.

To start with, I'm very proud of last year's attainment across the trust, which was 10% above national average at key stage 2. Have a look in more detail to see [how well all our pupils did](#).

We hope you'll enjoy this update and, if you have any feedback, do email [info@bpet.co.uk](mailto:info@bpet.co.uk) with your thoughts.

Mark Greatrex, BPET Chief Executive

## New schools joining BPET

We are delighted that two new schools will join BPET this year, which will take us to a family of 12 schools.

The Heights is a non-selective, highly inclusive primary school serving pupils in Caversham, Reading. The Heights is an 'outstanding' school (Ofsted) and will join BPET on 1 December.

Dollis Primary School, London, also will join us in January or February 2024. Dollis is a 'good' school (Ofsted) and will be part of our local Barnet hub, being less than three miles from Watling Park School.

## Training new teachers in our schools

We have a clear vision: to deliver the highest standards of education, blended from the best of the state and independent sectors. And we want aspiring teachers to join us to deliver this exciting vision for the benefit of the pupils we serve.

We have partnered with Teach First to deliver our School Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT) programme. Teach First is a national charity that trains teachers with a focus to make a difference in their local communities.

The SCITT programme is one-year long and involves a mix of live training in class, self-directed study and one-to-one support. The training is ideal for people who are eager to learn on the job and make a difference in their community from day one.

[Read more here](#) and forward on to friends or family who are considering a career in teaching.





### New appointment

Following the departure of Ms Syms, former Headteacher at Halley House School, we are delighted that Mr Toby Mills-Bishop has been appointed as her successor.

Mr Mills-Bishop is a current Executive Headteacher and will start his new role in January 2024.

Read more on this on the [Halley House website](#), and get to know [Mr Mills-Bishop by reading our interview](#) with him.

### BPET Conference

Every year, we bring together staff across all schools for our annual conference with the aim to inspire, learn and work together on how to best deliver our vision.

289 BPET staff will be attending this year's conference at Doubletree by Hilton hotel, Docklands, on 30 October.

We will host over 40 workshops for all our employees to learn from and be inspired by during a day of continuing professional development.

Topics will range from communications, to AI, finance, HR best practices as well as math mastery, English proficiency, SEND and ADHD interventions and so much more. [Read more here.](#)

### Ofsted in our schools

Braywick Court School received an Ofsted visit last April which confirmed the school as 'outstanding'.

The inspectors reported that "this is a community of excellence" and that "the curriculum is exceptionally ambitious. It is designed to be exciting and interesting." [Read more here.](#)

Watling Park School was also visited by Ofsted last June, and was judged as 'good' once more - a confirmation of their first inspection (2018).

Inspectors found the school "a happy and safe place which caters for all children's needs". [Read more here.](#)

In the reports, Ofsted remarked on the support offered by BPET noticing how the trust and the local advisory boards provide structure, as well as challenge, to school leaders in order to ensure accountability and progress.

### School Games Gold Mark

We are very proud of Kilburn Grange School and Braywick Court School for receiving the School Games Gold Mark. Fantastic work by sports coaches Coach K and Coach Dan!







### Improving our environments

During the summer we have been busy improving our buildings to offer children a better environment for this new academic year.

- Watling Park School welcome visitors with a new sign; more work will be completed shortly in the internal staircases and reception area;
- We made Kilburn Grange School's playground more cheerful and private;
- Whiteknights Primary School, Watling Park School and Rutherford House School all boast new play areas, much loved by their pupils;
- Whitehall Park School displays new artwork created by a local artist who worked together with the pupils to create the new mural.

Huge thanks to the *Parent Teachers Associations* who led these projects.

We have also expanded Evendons Primary School's Reception and Year 1 classrooms (picture above). These major extension works have been possible through the opportunities that being part of a multi-academy trust provides.

### Free school meals

All London children will receive free school meals for the 2023-2024 academic year. Although this funding arrangement is

limited in time, offering a hot meal to children has always been part of the BPET school experience and policy. The social experience of eating in a family-like environment offers pupils important social and cultural learning experiences, in addition to healthy, nutritious food.

### Working towards Net Zero

Well done to Evendons Primary School who was awarded the Eco School Green Flag (main picture on first page).

During the last academic year, the school's worked hard around three key elements - travel, waste and school grounds - and established an Eco-Committee involving 14 pupils from Reception to Year 6.

[Read more about all the green initiatives they came up with!](#)

Equally well done to Braywick Court School who completed the Green Schools Project in 2022-2023. They worked hard to reduce the school's carbon footprint and have more project lined up for this year.

### RAAC

During the summer there has been a considerable media coverage regarding Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC).

Surveys have been carried out in all BPET schools, and the are small areas currently under investigation in two schools.