

**ASPIRE**  
MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

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## A Message from Kate

Week commencing 3rd February 2025

As we move further into February, it is heartening to sense lighter mornings and know that Spring is now closer than Winter. I am sure we have not seen the end of those cold days yet, but Sunday was a good reminder of how nice it is to get outside and feel the sun on your face.

I enjoyed several visits to schools across Aspire last half-term; meeting staff, children and governors. I saw some of the best ways we teach writing; the ways our talented staff promote and reward good behaviour and heard about the many ways we keep our children safe. As always, it is the most rewarding part of my job, spending time in schools and being able to share best practices across Aspire where I see them in action.

I heard someone say recently that to work yourself up to the servitude of others, is a real privilege. I see this in the many ways you support one another across Aspire, whether it be across our business managers network, our teachers sharing ideas and resources, or just by having someone to reach out to when things feel a bit overwhelming - this all reminds us that Aspire is a place of mutual support and networking, underpinned by our take care foundations.

## Aspire Connected

Stay connected with our Multi-Academy Trust! Follow us on LinkedIn for the latest updates, success stories, and educational insights.

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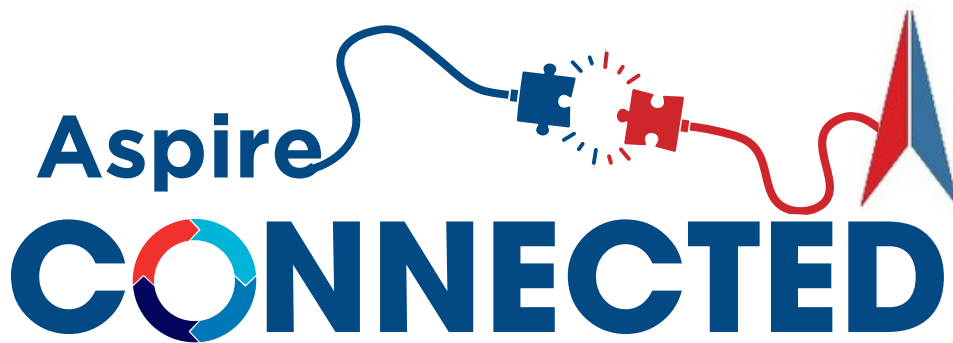
## Aspire Together

Our Aspire Academies are heading to Young Voices on 13th February to sing together at Sheffield Arena. Young Voices describes themselves as 'the heartbeat of music for primary schools across the UK, where children and teachers unite in an electrifying choir experience'. I know from going to YV as both a parent and a teacher, that these are unforgettable concerts for our children, many of whom discover the power of their voices, gain in confidence and create lasting memories.



## Aspire Update

You may have seen in the news that Ofsted has recently published details on new report cards set to be introduced in the autumn term. The consultations on the Ofsted school report card and changes to the government's approach to accountability will run for 12 weeks and provide an opportunity for you to share your views directly with the government. All schools have had emails sent with the links to these consultations. I will be attending a live online event this week where the Education Secretary will be answering questions and going into more detail about the changes, I will share updates with our academy head teachers.



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## Why Education: Inspiring Futures, Changing Lives

At Aspire Multi-Academy Trust, we know we are part of something bigger than ourselves. We don't just teach, although that's a big part of it, we are so much more — we open doors to brighter futures and we recognise that EVERY SINGLE one of you plays a role in transforming lives, and that is a responsibility worth holding with pride.

We work in education because we believe in possibility. We see the potential in every pupil, even when they can't see it in themselves.

We show up each day because we know that what we do matters — whether it's delivering a powerful lesson, lending a listening ear, keeping our spaces safe and welcoming, or offering support when it's needed most to those around us.

Success in education doesn't happen in isolation. It takes every single one of us working together, united by a common purpose.

- Taking responsibility means understanding that our actions, however small, ripple out to shape lives.
- Working as a team means supporting one another, sharing challenges and triumphs, and remembering we are stronger together.

As we approach the halfway milestone of the academic year, it is with gratitude and admiration that the Aspire Central Team and Trustees thank all of you for going above and beyond. You make a lasting difference for our learners and their families and what you do changes lives. Every conversation, every moment of care, every effort you make builds a foundation for someone else's success.

Let's continue to lift each other up, push forward together, and remember why we do what we do — to inspire futures.

## Aspire Celebrations

We are thrilled to recognise and celebrate the incredible achievement of successfully launching our new Management Information System (MIS) across every school in Aspire. This milestone was made possible by the hard work, dedication, and perseverance of our amazing administrative teams across the Trust.

Your commitment to excellence and tireless efforts during the transition have been nothing short of inspiring. From system testing and data migration to user support and training, together you navigated every challenge with professionalism, problem-solving spirit, and teamwork.

The success of this launch is a testament to your unwavering focus on ensuring that our systems empower staff and improve outcomes for the entire school community.

Thank you for your extraordinary dedication and resilience. This accomplishment not only strengthens our operations but also sets the foundation for even greater successes ahead.

Here's to the power of teamwork and determination—congratulations to everyone involved!