

Paul West appointed as new Chief Executive Officer for The Spencer Academies Trust

A new Chief Executive Officer has been appointed by The Spencer Academies Trust.

Paul West, currently the Executive Director of Education for the DELTA Academies Trust, will succeed Dame Susan Jowett who retires at the end of August 2017 after a long and distinguished career in education, including the Principalship of the outstanding George Spencer Academy.

Paul takes over at an exciting time in the Trust's development. It is a medium-sized Trust of ten academies, eight of which now have 'good or outstanding' Ofsted judgements and one Primary school has yet to be inspected. This successful culture is underpinned by:

- a well-established and nationally recognised Top 10 SCITT (school-centred initial teacher training);
- a suite of leadership development programmes including the national professional qualifications in middle leadership, senior leadership and headship;
- the East Midlands West Maths Hub; and
- our expanding Teaching School Alliance providing continuous professional development for teachers and support staff.

Paul will play a key role in the Trust's growth strategy, particularly since we have secured an additional grant award from the Regional Schools Commissioner to grow and develop a hub within Derby City and Derbyshire.

He will lead an Executive Team which will continue to strive for excellence, supporting and challenging underperformance to ensure all schools are providing their pupils with an excellent education.

Paul has held three successful headships and is a National Leader of Education (NLE). Prior to his role as Executive Director of Education he was a CEO and Executive Principal with GEMS Education. He has an outstanding track record of school leadership and school improvement.

Andrew Talbot, Chair of the Trust Board said:

"Paul has considerable experience of Academies and Trusts and we are excited to see how he will build on the successes already achieved. His aim is for our Trust to become one of the most successful in the country, and he has the full support of the Board in achieving this."

"His considerable expertise as an outstanding school leader makes him the ideal choice to build on the significant legacy of Dame Susan Jowett, as the current Chief Executive Officer".

Responding to his appointment Paul West said:

"I am delighted to be joining The Spencer Academies Trust as Chief Executive. Everyone involved in the Trust, the Board of Directors, Executive Team, Academy Leaders and Teachers are fully committed to providing the highest quality of education for children and young people. I am also looking forward to leading the Trust through its next stage of development and growth to ensure outstanding outcomes for students across the region".

Dame Susan Jowett NLE, a founding member and Chief Executive Officer, said:

"I welcome Paul to the Trust and wish him every success in his new role as he galvanizes the collective effort of dedicated teams to provide an excellent education to improve the life chances of our young people. The Trust is in good hands and I look forward to reading about its continued success in my new adventures. Wherever I may be, George Spencer Academy and all the schools within the Trust will be forever in my heart".

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