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## Hello Again!

Dear parents, carers, and families,

It only seems like yesterday when I last updated you and my goodness, Christmas is only a few days away!

## Trust Developments

As a Trust, we continue to focus on the quality of the curriculum in all schools. For too long, children with additional needs across the country have been failed in that curriculum choices and offers have been reduced, compared to their peers and this has been 'explained away' as acceptable.

It absolutely is not and as a parent of an autistic child myself, I expect all of our children to access the same offer as their mainstream peers - as a minimum expectation.

But more than this, all of our schools should be offering a broad and balanced curriculum that meets their needs now - and prepares them well for life beyond school - and so this is what we are prioritising.

The Curriculum offer should be on each school's website, so please do take a look - and if you have any queries, please contact your Principal.

## An Update on my Visits

During my monthly visits this month, I spent most of my time speaking with students, but I also had the pleasure of seeing the new sensory room at **Thames Valley**.



We have plans to upgrade all sensory provision in all schools so this is exciting news for the new year.

I had the pleasure of having Christmas Dinner at **Church Lawton** and although I couldn't get to **Thames Valley** for the visit from Santa - I have it on good authority from the elves that the children have enjoyed the festivities!



## A Musical Star!

I just wanted to share with you some lovely news about one of our students at **Church Lawton**. Charlie Eden has joined the Cheshire East Youth Choir and the picture here is of him performing at the St Mary's Christmas Concert - doesn't he look professional?!



## Student Executive Team

As I shared last month, I had the pleasure of meeting with our Student Executive Team on Monday 18 December and they agreed their name, the terms of reference, and the agenda going forward.

We have two representatives from each school and they will meet with me and the Executive Team to discuss the quality of education, the quality of the school environment, and also give suggestions for improvements, so I will update you on this following our first proper meeting in February.

**With all best wishes for a peaceful Christmas and a positive New Year!**



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