

End of year round-up

Pioneer Educational Trust is a family of three schools: Foxborough Primary School, Trevelyan Middle School and Upton Court Grammar School. Pioneer was first established in January 2014 and, since that time, we have seen our ambition to ensure that every child and young person who attends one of our schools has equal access to an outstanding education become more and more of a reality. As a family of schools, our values are: to pioneer, to inspire collaboration, to invest intelligently and to drive equality. Over the past year, we have held these values close to our hearts as we have worked in partnership and collaboration with one another to respond the challenges of the pandemic.

We are so proud of every child and young person in our schools for their resilience, determination and kindness to one another, and so grateful to our exceptional colleagues who have gone above and beyond in such difficult circumstances to make our schools happy, thriving places of learning and support.

We are an outward-facing multi-academy trust that seeks to collaborate with and provide school improvement support to other schools and MATs, as well as influence the education system in line with our values.

One such example of this is the work of our **Associate Director of Inclusion** who works in partnership with the SENCos in our family of schools to ensure that children and young people with additional needs are supported to achieve their full potential and thrive. Having had an article published in the Times Educational Supplement, Mrs Roscoe was invited to speak at a national event, Westminster Education Briefing, on the theme of funding for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities alongside politicians and other experts in the field of SEND. She highlighted the need for greater funding to ensure that children and young people with additional needs are provided with the right support from an early age and an appropriate educational setting.

Another example of our outward-facing work and our drive to influence the system for good is that of our **Associate Director for Safeguarding**. Mrs Earle works closely with the safeguarding leads and safeguarding governors in each of our schools. Having been trained by the NSPCC, she delivers safeguarding training in-house and to other schools. This year, Mrs Earle has taken up a position on Slough's Safeguarding Practice Review panel. This panel is a multi-agency group whose purpose it [remove?] is to review any situation in which a child came to serious harm in unexplained or suspicious circumstances, to look at practice across multiple agencies and to identify where practice can be even further strengthened.

Both of these are examples of our purpose to champion the vulnerable and disadvantaged and contribute positively beyond our school walls.

Over the past term, we have been working with our governors, trustees, senior leaders and Central Team on a visioning process identifying our strategic priorities for the next three years. As part of this process, we have asked colleagues, **'What education system do you want for children and young people in this country?'** In January, our Pioneer Parliament will be asking the same question of the pupils in our schools. **And now, we would like to take this opportunity to ask you the same question.**

What education system do you want for children and young people in this country?

- What do you think education is for?
- How do you think education should be delivered?
- Who should the education system benefit and how?
- Do you have a particular view on the accountability system for schools in this country?

We would very much welcome your feedback. **Please complete this [Form](#) by Friday 15th January.**

This has been an incredibly difficult year for everyone, and we thank you, our parents and carers, for all that you have done to support your children and our schools. **We move forward into 2021 with a renewed sense of hope and optimism, and look forward to continuing to work closely with you and our valued colleagues in providing the best possible education for children and young people in our family of schools.**