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Engage your MAT community with mobile technology

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“ Welcome to this second edition of *Academy Update* - and my first as Editor. In addition to a round-up of recent news relating to multi-academy trusts (MATs), we also invite you to contribute mini articles on good practice and solutions to problems that you are willing to share. You will, of course, be able to view a draft prior to publication. I look forward to hearing from you. ”

Anna Sterlini, Editor

Education in the news

Damian Hinds: importance of life skills & technology

In his first speech as education secretary, Damian Hinds said that schools should prepare pupils for life through creating an ethos which develops their character and resilience. He also claimed that technology could ease teachers' workloads and provide opportunities to track pupil progress.

MPs call for review of MAT regulation system

Parliament's education committee has called for an overhaul of the system of regulation of multi-academy trusts, declaring that failing trusts are stripping schools of their assets. The committee argued for the importance of transparency, in particular keeping parents informed of changes.

Official statistics: MAT performance 2016-17

Statistics released by the Department for Education have revealed that at Key Stage 2, pupils in over half of MATs have progress scores at or above average in writing and maths. However, reading in Key Stage 2 and Progress 8 scores for Key Stage 4 were below the national average in over half of MATs.

TES: Best and worst performing multi-academy trusts

Based on data from the DfE, tes has published league tables for the best- and worst-performing multi-academy trusts for GCSE and Key Stage 2.

Call for submissions

Please consider contributing to coming issues of *Academy Update*. We are keen to receive brief pieces offering advice, guidance and information on topics pertinent to those running MATs.

You might be able help with topics such as trustee recruitment, improving procurement of utilities, or dealing with the media.

➤ Please send your submissions to [Anna Sterlini](mailto:Anna.Sterlini@pearson.co.uk).

Focus on...



CPD: Statutory responsibilities

Our *CPD Library* is a set of staff development courses which includes essential compliance training for all staff. It includes topics such as *Code of Conduct*, which helps staff in educational



settings practise high standards of personal and professional conduct, including how to

uphold pupils' safety and welfare. All courses include progress and performance tracking which can provide important evidence of completion and understanding.

➤ Read more at:

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