

27th April 2021

Dear parents and carers,

On behalf of the SAST Trust Board, I am delighted to announce the appointment of Colin Sinclair as our new Chief Executive Officer, with effect from 1st September 2021, following the previously announced retirement of our existing CEO, Steve Hillier.

Colin has been appointed following the recent recruitment process, involving Trustees, Headteachers and members of the executive team, and led by executive search agency Academicis.

Colin joins the Trust from the Academies Enterprise Trust (AET), which has 58 schools nationwide, where he has served as Secondary Executive Director. Previous posts include Director of Education, and Regional Director for several national MATs.


Colin believes passionately that education should empower curiosity and personal growth whilst inspiring a life-long love of learning in everyone, regardless of their social and cultural background. He brings together a strategic vision with a focus on increasing school improvement capacity within the Trust, alongside great energy and ambition to propel SAST into the next stage of its development.



On his appointment, Colin said: "I am delighted and honoured to have been appointed as the next SAST CEO. The Trust's commitment and desire to place collaboration at the heart of continuous school improvement, through providing a rich educational experience that enables each child to achieve their ambition is one which I very much share. I look forward to working with everyone at SAST to build upon the Trust's strengths in the years to come."

The Trustees and I were impressed by Colin's understanding of the MAT landscape and his ideas to build positively on the strong foundations of our Trust. We believe we have found a leader



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who will foster a collaborative culture of excellence that empowers all within the SAST community to be the best they can be”.

Colin will be working closely with Trustees, Steve Hillier, Headteachers and the Executive team in the coming weeks to familiarise himself with our schools and the strategic and operational priorities for the Trust in readiness for September.

The Trustees and I wish Colin much success in his new role and warmly welcome him to SAST.

With very best wishes,

Nigel Rees,

SAST Chair of Trustees