



# The Cornovii Trust

## NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Carers, Colleagues and Students

As we approach the end of the spring term, I would like to thank you all for your continued support and hard work over the course of this school year. Hard work and support applies to all of us, being a parent is hard work at times, as is working in education. As I have said on many occasions, we can work far more effectively for the benefit of our children if home and school work together. That includes giving consistent messages to our young people. It might mean supporting the school in front of your child / children in something you privately don't agree with. It might mean being 'bad cop' in their eyes on occasions. From a school's point of view, we will do all we can to help and support you and your child. People who work in school's do so because they care about young people and want to give them the best possible start in life. We need to build some 'trust' back in our society and in our institutions. This will take time, but the best way to do it is through our young people. If between home and school we role model trust and support in each other for the benefit of our children, they will follow.



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### The Cornovii Cup Update

**CURRENT SCORE:**

**193**

Alsager School

**157**

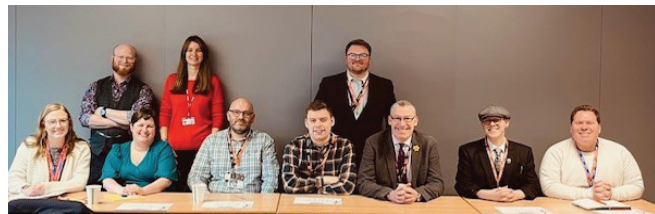
Brine Leas School



The collaborative work across our trust and in our schools continues at a pace. So far this year, nearly 50 staff from across our 5 schools (and beyond) have completed high quality training delivered by colleagues from within our trust. Our writing work, focusing on standards and expectations at both the primary phase and at key stage 3 has been transformational. We now have agreed trust wide expectations for every year group at primary level and secondary colleagues have learnt so much from this. The key stage 3 English curriculum at both secondary schools has been tweaked to reflect these expectations and to ensure a much smoother transition when it comes to moving from year 6 to year 7. In total 15 colleagues from our schools have worked on this over 4 days this year and our children will really benefit from it.

The 'Cornovii Justice Award' challenge has led to some superb local community changes and contributions from our three primary schools. 'The Cornovii Cup' competition has continued to run throughout the year, with more activities planned for the summer term. The current score is tight, see the leaderboard on page 1 of this newsletter. Our intention is to introduce the 'Cornovii Attendance' and 'Cornovii Achievement' awards next term too.

Once again, all this collaborative working is only possible thanks to the outward facing and supportive approach of all our headteachers, leaders, governing bodies and staff. We are very fortunate to have such fantastic school leaders in place and such a talented and professional team of staff working within our schools. Being in a trust has also allowed us to be more efficient with our spending and our



structures. We can share staff, centralise certain areas so a team of staff can work for all the schools, rather than having a person or people in each school filling the identical role. This is much more cost effective. We have already identified and made considerable savings by doing this and more will come. This means more money can be spent on our young people. There remains much more to do and we have great plans going forward. Our intention is to make all our great schools even better. We have invested a lot of time this year into our growth and I am very confident that some additional, local schools will be joining us in the near future. They will bring additional expertise, resources and ideas to our trust. As promised, I will of course keep you informed of this when the time is



right. I am really excited about the future for our young people and can see The Cornovii Trust going from strength to strength.

You can always find more details about our activities and work as a trust on our website [www.thecornoviitrust.org](http://www.thecornoviitrust.org) and you can follow us on social media, which will also keep you updated on job vacancies across all schools.

Next term, we see exam season once again. I would like to wish all our young people taking external tests and exams; SATs, GCSEs, BTECs and A levels all the very best. Please remember your teachers and school are there to support as best they can but you have to put in the hard work too and the Easter break is the perfect time for this.

Once again, my thanks for your continued support and please let's work together to build some trust back in our society. I wish you and your families a very happy and relaxing Easter break.

Richard Middlebrook  
CEO The Cornovii Trust



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## Volunteer Opportunity

# BECOME A TRUSTEE

Volunteering as a trustee is not only a meaningful way to contribute to your community, you will also get great insight into what is involved in the management of a Multi Academy Trust and gain extensive leadership skills.

### Trustees have three key roles:

- Set the strategic direction of the Trust
- Hold senior leadership to account for the educational performance of the organization
- and its pupils and the effective and efficient performance management of staff
- Oversee the trust's financial performance to ensure robust control and value for money

### What's involved?

Our Trust Board meets five times a year, trustees also meet for their committee meetings virtually four times a year.

To support you in your new governance role:

You will receive a complimentary copy of the induction guide Welcome to Governance, produced by the National Governance Association (NGA).

Our subscriptions to the NGA and the Confederation of School Trusts (CST) provide a wide variety of training materials and discussion forums to support in your role.

Your board can also support your induction with a mentor scheme, pairing you up with a more experienced Trustee for your first term in role if required.

### Trustee applications

If you are interested in applying for the role please send your CV and a short expression of interest to [t.sanchez@thecornoviiitrust.org](mailto:t.sanchez@thecornoviiitrust.org)

This application will be forwarded to our Chair of Trustees.

Please note candidates should live within reasonable travelling distance of the trust and/or have a link with the school/academy's local community.



The Cornovii Trust is looking for potential candidates to join the Board of Trustees.

Currently the trust is looking for individuals with a law, HR or senior business management background. We would specifically encourage applications from traditionally underrepresented groups.

For more information, please call:

**07506 984626**

Suitable candidates will be invited to interview and successful applicants will be recommended to Trustees and/or Members.

You will be informed of our decision and successful candidates will be asked to complete a DBS check.