



PRESS RELEASE

New CEO Shares Plans for Multi Academy Trust as They Welcome in The New School Year

Ascend Learning Trust Welcomes new CEO. Jane Coley shares her vision for growth in the ALT community.

Ascend Learning Trust has welcomed their new CEO Jane Coley, who started the term with sharing her vision for the ALT Community with all staff across our 7 schools. With the new academic year and a new CEO the trust is starting its next chapter with growth and expansion in its future. Jane has a substantial background in not only education but as a director within a multi academy trust (MAT), opening Ascend Learning Trust to a world of knowledge from a large MAT.

As a respected educator Jane has been teaching for 25 years, originally training as a History and Politics teacher at Bristol University and most recently as an Education Director for a large national MAT. In this role she has worked in both the Secondary and Primary phases focusing on supporting leaders to drive improvement and secure effective and inspiring practice in the classroom. Prior to this Jane was Principal at Brakenhale School in Berkshire, which was transformed under her leadership. During her career to date, she has also worked as an Associate Headteacher in an Outstanding school and was well known for her work as a national lead for PiXL6 (Partners in Excellence) where she worked alongside over 500 schools to lead improvement for Post16 students.



In her various leadership roles, Jane has earned a reputation for working at a rapid pace to improve progress and standards in schools whilst creating positive cultures that embody a strong moral purpose, to ensure all young people thrive and where staff feel empowered to lead. Ascend Learning Trust are excited to see what the future holds under Jane's management whilst welcoming in the new academic year.

This Academy is proud to be a part of the Ascend Learning Trust, to find out more please visit www.ascendlearningtrust.org.uk

Jane went on to say “I am delighted to have officially taken up the post of CEO at Ascend Learning Trust. It is a post that comes with a significant responsibility to thousands of young people, staff and families and I am fully committed to ensuring that Ascend Academies become centres of excellence, where students leave with the very best qualifications and results and as individuals fully equipped to achieve their ambitions for the future. Furthermore, that our staff are empowered through their own development to support our students in their academic and holistic journey through their time with us at Ascend. My strong moral purpose is underpinned by kindness and honesty but always a determination to ensure all young people thrive within a no excuses culture. I very much looking forward to leading and growing Ascend Learning Trust for the benefit of our entire community.”