



GEP ACADEMIES WEEKLY BULLETIN

WEEK COMMENCING 13 JULY 2020

Reminders for this coming week:

JOINT AST/GEP EXECUTIVE TEAM MEETING

13.07.20
10:00 – 11:30

GEP EDUCATION COMMITTEE Work Plan setting

15.07.20
10:00 – 12:00

GEP BOARD

16.07.20
17:30 – 19:00

Forthcoming meetings:

JOINT AST/GEP EXECUTIVE TEAM MEETING

07.09.20
10:00 – 11:30

GEP BOARD

14.09.20
13:00 – 15:30

AST/GEP JOINT SENIOR TEAM MEETING

21.09.20
10:00 – 11:30

AST/GEP JOINT HEADS MEETING

24.09.20
09:00 – 12:00
Exact timings tbc

GEP EDUCATION COMMITTEE

01.10.20
13:00 – 15:30

AST/GEP JOINT EXECUTIVE MEETING

05.10.20
10:00 – 11:30

Thank you

The final bulletin of the academic year is all about Thank yous. It is often said that we are living in extraordinary times, which slightly stretches the definition of extraordinary... however; these last 6 months have been like nothing we have seen before in education. The challenges we have faced and, at times, the negativity we have faced has been significant. Yet, we have risen to these difficulties and focused on delivering the best for the children in our care.

I have been humbled by the professionalism, dedication and drive colleagues have shown during this time. We have taken steps none of us expected to make, and prepared for a September journey, which is still unknown. In truth, these plaudits are for everyone in our trust communities. School business managers, teachers, site staff, office leads, out of class staff, caterers, governors, TAs, trustees and of course, headteachers. Schools are always a team effort – but never more so than in the grips of a pandemic.

I would also like to draw public attention and praise to our central trust team. Alongside you, they have put in the extra hours, read reams of documentation, navigated the legislation, advice and guidance and pulled together a support package, which I know schools have found supportive, beneficial and vital. Thank you to everyone.

I wish you a restful few weeks, when they come. I do recognise that some colleagues break this week, and others mid-way through the next. Children and staff alike are crying out for a break and a chance to replenish the batteries. Holidays do not take a homogenous form for all, but in whatever way, and whenever your 'break starts' – have a restful time with loved ones and be assured of our thanks.



Actions for Trustees:

Papers for the board have been published

School Improvement Update:

School Improvement Calendar

The latest version of the school improvement calendar and draft CPD calendar for 2020-21 will be published this week.

A Level & GCSE Results

Please can the published examination results using the 4Matrix 'press release' be passed to AKR and Andy Wooldridge on results day. Many thanks.

Ofqual

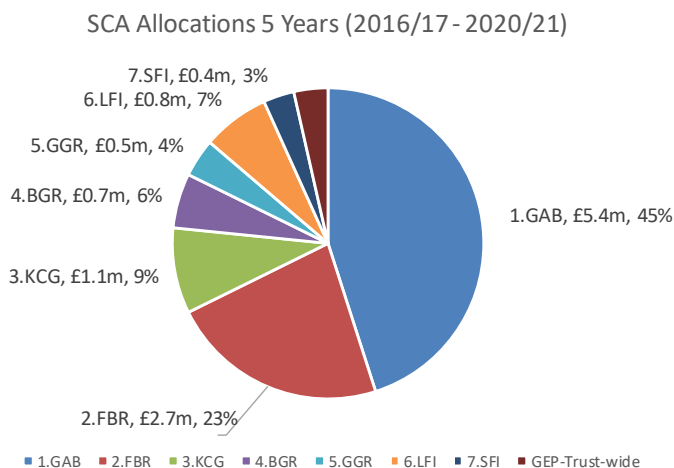
A reminder to complete Ofqual's [survey](#) to gather feedback from schools and trusts involved in producing and submitting centre assessment grades.

School Operations:

GEP Estates Management

Our recent conditions surveys showed that we have £600K worth of immediate priorities to address across the trust's estates...and £2.3M funding to do so. We are therefore in the fortunate position to address immediate needs, as well as bring forward some large-scale projects (such as roof repairs, boiler and pipe replacement work), and align similar projects so we can jointly procure (e.g. flooring replacement). As with previous years, we are also able to spend a portion of money strategically across the estates. We have therefore allocated £320K (13% of funding) on building improvements to dining, kitchen and communal areas across our three secondary schools and at Sandfield.

All schools benefit from capital allocations, as demonstrated below:



Allocation	Approved
1.GAB	£5.4m
2.FBR	£2.7m
3.KCG	£1.1m
4.BGR	£0.7m
5.GGR	£0.5m
6.LFI	£0.8m
7.SFI	£0.4m
GEP-Trust-wide	£0.4m
Grand Total	£12.0m

This summer, estates teams are working closely with contractors to improve sites for a September return as well as ongoing works.

GEP IT Network Team – GEP Shared Document System

In our most recent survey to staff, part of the feedback received was that you want to be better connected to other staff across GEP. In light of this, last week we launched the GEP Shared Document System to all GEP staff. The system is based on SharePoint and customised by the GEP Network team to fit our needs.

We hope you will use this new area to share resources between schools in your subjects and departments. The system is designed to be a location to share such things as lesson plans, schemes of work and an area to work together on joint inset days. Our aim is, this shared area will help you remain better connected to staff across the GEP, to enable this we have designed the system to automatically logon using your school email credentials.

A reminder of the web address: <https://gepacademies.sharepoint.com/>

GEP IT Network Team – Helpdesk update

June saw the helpdesk receive another busy month of 913 opened tickets and I am happy to say we have been able to close 855 tickets during the same period. With the return of more students in school the Network team has been providing an equal balance of constituted remote support as well as onsite technical support. The team estimated we would have closed 2800 tickets by the end of June but we have managed to close 3166 total tickets for the lockdown period.

Remember to please log any requests in helpdesk by emailing: networkhelpdesk@gepacademies.com

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Jack's (virtual) visits and meetings this week:

Joint GEP/AST Exec team	13.07.20	10:00
GEP Team meeting	14.07.20	12:30
Maths School meeting with DfE	14.07.20	14:00
GEP Education committee work plan setting	15.07.20	10:00
Kings GLAC meeting	15.07.20	12:30
Interviews all day	16.07.20	08:00
GEP Board meeting	16.07.20	16:30
Sandfield virtual school visit	17.07.20	09:00