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## Welcome to Four New Academies



This autumn term we have welcomed four more primary academies into the Aspire family. Biscovey Nursery and Infants Academy, Bugle School, Probus Primary School and St Uny Church of England Primary School expand our Trust to now 19 academies. As we hurtle towards the Christmas break, all four schools have settled in well and we very much look forward to seeing them in our Aspire events in 2017. Spring Term 2017 will herald the arrival of another newly-minted academy, St Mawes Primary School on the Roseland Peninsula, who officially joins the Trust on 1st January. Next year is all set to be a very busy and exciting time for us. We can't wait!

## Aspire Academy Trust Praised in HMCI October Report



Earlier this year Sir Michael Wilshaw commissioned a senior Her Majesty's Inspector (HMI) to visit Aspire Academy Trust as part of a review of high performing Multi Academy Trusts. Seven of the stronger performing MATs were examined to discover what set of common characteristics set them apart from their weaker counterparts, from their ability to recruit and retain powerful and authoritative executive leaders and their well-planned, broad and balanced curriculums; to clear frameworks of governance and accountability and a cautious and considered approach to expansion. Aspire was commended in the report, most notably for its collegiate and collaborative approach by means of its Hub structure. Please log onto <http://www.aspireacademytrust.org/225/news/post/43/aspire-praised-in-hmci-october-report> to read a full copy of the report in which Aspire has been commended.



## South West Regional Schools Commissioner heaps praise on St Austell Academy

Sandy Hill Academy in St Austell are feeling rightly chuffed with themselves after receiving a personal letter of thanks from Rebecca Clark, Regional Schools Commissioner for the South West, confirming Sandy Hill as one of our region's highest performing schools. Ms Clark goes on to say, "In a year when standards expected have been higher than ever, it is impressive to reflect upon the results that you have been able to achieve". Many congratulations to the children, staff and parents of Sandy Hill from all your Aspire family!

## Health & Wellbeing Champions

Health and Wellbeing is core to a first class, motivated and dynamic academy workforce and Aspire is proud to announce twelve more Health & Wellbeing Champions have completed their training this term. Well done!



## Aspire Core Services Team



Squirreled behind the scenes of each busy academy is an equally busy central Aspire team, with expertise across buildings, finance, compliance, personnel, IT, Communications and health and safety. Removing the bureaucratic and 'paperwork' duties away from our school staff frees them to focus on what they're really, *really* good at, namely teaching and improving opportunities for our children. So a little shout out to the Core Services Team is in order! Please say hello to the Business Team: Tim Hooper and Claire Virgo; the Finance team: Kirstie Worth and Will Hulston; the IT team: Peter Bradburn, Steve White, Dan Smith and Brandon Keast; the Premises team: Julie Brooks, Alastair Sneedon and Elaine Brown; Company Secretary Lorna Rabey; Health & Wellbeing Officer Lucy Wright; Communications Officer Tania Williams and Admin Support Justine Pender. For more information on the Aspire Academy Trust team and organisational structure log onto our website at [www.aspireacademytrust.org](http://www.aspireacademytrust.org).

## Tag Rugby Festival 2016

The main Aspire event of the autumn term was the Tag Rugby Festival at St Austell Rugby Club on Thursday 10th November. Despite the rather soggy conditions, our Aspire academies rose to the challenge and congratulations to Mount Hawke Academy who were the final victors in the hotly-contested final. Pitted against Biscovey Primary the match proved a real nail biter with both teams refusing to concede a blade of grass until a golden try in extra time gave Mount Hawke a 7-6 victory. Well done to all our schools and thank you to the supporters - great team spirit!



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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year one and all!

