

The Lumen Link

A newsletter from The Lumen Partnership – connecting and reflecting on leadership together

Welcome to the third edition of The Lumen Link!

Once again, thank you Richard for sharing your SEF.

Your thoughtfulness and insight are particularly valuable in light of the recent Ofsted changes.

It is incredibly helpful to see your approach and reflections. We really appreciate your willingness to share your expertise – it's a great support as we adapt and refine our own practices.

I would also like to welcome Stopsley Primary School who have joined The Meads, Leagrave Primary, Wauluds and Lealands, and added their school to the Lumen website at:

www.lumeneducation.co.uk

Warm wishes

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Spotlight on a school

From Lealands to Brit Award Winner!

We were absolutely thrilled to welcome back former student and Brit Award winner Myles Smith to Lealands. Myles left us in 2014 as Deputy Head Boy and has since gone on to achieve incredible things in the music industry.

He performed two of his most popular tracks, "Stargazing" and "Nice to Meet You," before talking about his journey from our classrooms to the global stage. Students from all year groups got to experience this impromptu concert. It was a fantastic opportunity for our current students to ask questions and hear firsthand what it takes to succeed. He spoke with fondness about his days at Lealands and relayed to the students how important it is that they grab their opportunities, as their days at school lay their foundations for their futures.

We are incredibly proud of everything he has achieved.



In the know

The recent publication of The White Paper has prompted much discussion across our sector. As leaders, we are accustomed to navigate reform, and this document presents both opportunities and important questions for us to consider.

The focus on high standards for every child, strengthening the quality of teaching and improving consistency across the system reflects priorities that many of us hold at the heart of our work.

What is clear to me is that strong collaboration between local schools continues to be one of our greatest assets. The way we, as Lumen Partnership, support, challenge and learn from one another is a powerful foundation for responding thoughtfully rather than reactively.

Ready for the Future? The Lumen Trust

Following the recent government White Paper, nationally we are being steered into a phase of formal collaboration. The vision of the government is clear: robust, multi-school trusts providing the stability and shared expertise needed for every child to thrive.

We are already building this momentum. Currently, two governing bodies have formally agreed to create a new trust, two schools are actively pursuing the legal process and three further schools are in discussions with myself.

Next Steps

If you are thinking about the future and what it might look like for you, I will be arranging an informal meeting in the Summer term, so that we can discuss next

As we head into the holiday season, I hope you find space to recharge, reconnect and realign with the kind of impact you want to create in the months ahead.

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steps for a new Luton MAT.

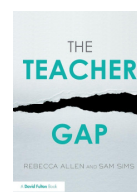
I want to be clear

Our wider partnership will continue regardless of your level of involvement in any trust foundation. Our commitment to supporting one another as a professional learning community remains absolute.

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Worth a read

I recommend this book by Rebecca Allen and Sam Sims. It offers an insight into the challenges facing education today and some practical ideas for closing the attainment gap to inform and inspire all school leaders.



Victoria James – Icknield Primary School

Leadership reflections

“Leadership is less about how loudly we speak and more about the impact that echoes when we’re quiet.”

Liz Wiseman

This term’s wellbeing tip

Practice mindfulness and reflection.

Dedicate 5-10mins at the start or end of the day, for quiet reflection.



Next meeting: Tuesday 21st April 2026, 11am-1pm
Focus: ‘The White Paper’