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## Chair's Shares

In the last edition I wrote about curiosity so with that in mind I went to the Nexus conference at Magna in February and listened to the key speakers as well as to the networking going on between the many hundreds of staff attending.

For me such networking creates opportunities to develop strong business relationships and effective professional conversations that then benefit the teaching and learning in our schools.

Finally, as a balance to Nexus board meetings and paperwork, I visit schools whenever possible, so I am really looking forward to visiting The Willows in late March. In addition to meeting staff, pupils and looking around the school, I will also be eating at the restaurant run by the pupils themselves – I can't wait !

Have a restful Easter break.

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## Focus on...

Our Nexus Conference was a great opportunity for all our schools to come together under one roof. Workshops took place on a wide spectrum of subjects, including Inspiring Governance, a session designed to encourage staff to become involved.

We have a vacancies for governors at our Becton, Kenwood and Discovery schools, so if you are interested or know of someone in the community who might be, please let us know in Clerking Services.



## Chief in brief

As we end the spring term, I'd like to thank our local governors for continuing to support our schools in a myriad of ways. So far, the academy council model we've introduced is embedding well and is helping governors to remain clear sighted on what's most important for our schools.

Thank you!

## Governance Underpinnings

Academy Trust Handbook Scheme of Delegation Annual Accounts and Governance Statement

For more information on the above visit [www.nexusmat.org](http://www.nexusmat.org)

Pennine View joined Nexus Multi Academy Trust as a sponsored Academy. Our local governance arrangements have been in place following the academization process. Academy Council meetings are held termly and our Governors offer a balance of challenge and support to the school's Headteacher and Senior Leaders. They routinely visit the school to see in action what is reported to them. Our Governors are keen supporters of the school's vision and values. They use their varied backgrounds as professionals from the world of education and industry to ensure that the pupils get the very best provision so that they can achieve the outcomes they deserve.

Our school Governors play an active role within the life of the school, whether that be helping out at as judges for the school's Pennine View's Got Talent show or encouraging our pupils to deliver their Pupil Parliament election speeches. In support of the school's curriculum work, one of the Governors has observed how a Deep Dive is undertaken in Reading and they have also spent time with the English Lead to consider the resources and materials used for our Phonics programme. Governor Development days are organized by school leaders with the view of assisting our Governors to learn about how the school operates and the impact this has on our pupils.

In the next issue: Craggs Community School

## Pupil Parliaments

Our School MPs have been feeding back to their Academy Council's about their activities during the Spring Term meetings. Our Pupil Parliament Ambassador, Jo Pedelty, is going to be spending more time dedicated to pupil voice and co-ordinating with Pupil Parliament staff leads in each school. Jo will keep us up to date on a regular basis and be sharing some of the valuable work being undertaken in each school.

## Activity & Events

This month we have issued the **Skills Audit** questionnaire to all governors. The deadline for return to Clerking Services is **31st March**. We will analyse the returns over the Easter Half Term and the results will enable us to plan any learning and development activity, and decide the best way forward. This could be eLearning or for greater numbers, we will arrange for the sessions to be part of our event in June/July.

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This month we bid a  
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