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Dear

I am delighted to send you our latest newsletter which provides an update on all the latest developments at Right to Succeed. We believe that every young person deserves the right to succeed and we are grateful for your support to deliver programmes that help us to work towards achieving this vision.

Programme Update

Key Stage 3 Literacy programme - a two year literacy initiative in Blackpool aimed at improving the reading abilities of students in Key Stage 3

The programme got off to a fantastic start last term. Initial baseline assessments are now completed with all Year 7 and 9 pupils in Blackpool taking a number of assessments focusing on reading, English and their attitude to themselves and school. This robust assessment will provide schools with clearer insights to effectively meet pupils' development needs. The evidence champions in each school have been trained in approaches to research-informed practice delivered by the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) and the Centre for the use of research and evidence in education (CUREE), equipping them with increased knowledge, skills and tools to create positive change within and across the Blackpool schools involved in the programme.

Reach Reducing Exclusions - a three year programme aimed at reducing the risk of exclusions for pupils most at risk, delivered in three areas of the country with high exclusion levels

This term has seen the successful launches of our Reach programme in all three areas: Belfast, Blackpool and Doncaster. All ten schools in each area have been selected and schools are working to identify the pupils most at risk of exclusion who will participate in the programme.



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Each area is currently in the process of choosing the different partners they will engage to reduce the risk of exclusion. In Blackpool, schools have initially focused on Whole Education's Spirals of Enquiry, whilst in Belfast, Pivotal Education and Nurture have been chosen. Following the Reach Launch in Doncaster (photo above), individual school meetings have been taking place to establish potential themes.

Involvement in Policy

Department of Education Opportunity Areas for social mobility

Our Chief Executive, Graeme Duncan, has been part of a three person review panel for the Department of Education's Opportunity Area programme, alongside Sir Kevan Collins and Sir Alan Wood. Opportunity Areas aim to improve social mobility for children and young people in 12 areas of the UK facing challenges, and the panel will provide impartial input and recommendations.

Our Organisation

Governance - Dame Julia Cleverdon DCVO CBE has agreed to join us as a patron


We are delighted to welcome Dame Julia Cleverdon to the organisation as a patron. Dame Julia has been an incredible advocate for the charity to date, including hosting several visits to Blackpool. Dame Julia has a wealth of expertise in the sector to contribute and we are excited to have her on board.

I hope that you've found this update useful but if you have any queries about our work don't hesitate to come back to us.

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