



## From TUXFORD ACADEMY Chair of Governors

It has been another busy and successful year at Tuxford, with the academy doing well with exam results, and an increasing number of students achieving their needed grades and progressing to University or career of their choice, despite the ongoing challenges with the changes to qualifications and curriculum. Some students have in addition, continued to make progress, whilst others continue to exceed expectations proving the old adage that studious, hard work pays off. Well done to all of our staff and students!

The Local Academy Board of Governors has recently gone through a period of structural change designed to ensure that we continue to be as focused and efficient as we can. This has meant a reduction in the number of governors overall, whilst ensuring that the skillsets of the newly appointed governors closely fit the needs of the board and to enable them to fulfil the important role they have in holding senior managers to account, and providing independent scrutiny and support. As part of this process I was elected as Chair of Governors in November and am honored to be able to work more closely with all at the school team for the benefit and ultimate success of our young people.

At this point I want to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the outgoing officers and governors of the board (and the newly appointed governors) for all that they have done for this academy and our students over many years. Their contribution as 'volunteers' cannot be overstated and we are very grateful for their hard work and service.

Based on what has gone before and looking to what lies ahead, our focus has strengthened to ensure that our students at Tuxford Academy have the best opportunity they can to excel, and that standards improve where possible as we seek to improve on our 'Outstanding' OFSTED grade and progress towards becoming 'Exceptional'. This is a 'win win' not only for the academy but for our students.

The Trent Valley Teaching School continues to thrive in sharing the 'Tuxford Academy outstanding best practice' to a wider audience of academies in our trust. I hope that this will continue to develop and increase as the Multi Academy Trust grows over the next few years. All of this takes a lot of hard work and commitment and we are grateful for all that the staff do each day to help us in achieving our goal of being the best!

This year has also seen the appointment of Dave Cotton as Executive Principal with oversight of Tuxford Academy and wider Multi Academy and Diverse Academies Learning Partnership responsibilities. We are also delighted that Dave Vernon is our new Academy Director with responsibility for the day to day management and achievements of Tuxford, and ensuring that we continue to thrive as an academy.

The Diverse Academies Learning Partnership itself has also seen growth, moving to new offices at Kelham Hall, and working hard to prepare us for the future, helping us streamline and hone our processes, procedures and providing additional expertise for us to thrive and excel, especially as other Secondary and Primary Academies seek to share in our success and want to join our Multi Academy Trust.

In addition to all this there is a huge amount of change coming from government across the whole educational landscape, not least the ongoing change to qualifications, curriculum, and inspection regimes but also to the potential reduction and changes in levels of funding. The coming years will be challenging, but I am convinced that we have the right team to help us be even stronger in the long term.

With best wishes for the coming year

**Revd. Greg Price**  
**Chair of Governors**