

15th September, 2021.

Hello

I hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday, oh those distant memories of being able to drink a hot cup of coffee, what a treat! Speaking of treats, I'd like to introduce myself; I am Jemima Waltho, newly appointed director of creative programmes and partnerships, working as part of the central team. I hope to be able to meet you all in the coming weeks and explain who I am and how I can support you. One of the first things I am keen to establish is this; a CORE wide monthly funding and opportunities newsletter/ email (first newsletter below). This will include a range of funds, which your academy can apply for and an overview of opportunities that are coming up. I will try to give you as much notice as possible.

It would be useful for me to know who to send these emails to, particularly if you have a CORE Cares lead, operations manager, lead on personal development/cultural capital, head of pastoral support or enrichment/extra curricula lead, so please respond to this email with your suggested contacts. In the meantime, I will continue to send these to you, until you tell me otherwise. This newsletter will grow in content over the year, as I get to know your schools, your needs and I establish more working relationships with partners and funders.

I would also add that if you, or a member of your team, have an idea for a project that could work across the Trust, please get in contact. Part of my role is to establish programmes and raise funds (where possible) to ensure our students have a broad range of life skills and experiences. Right, that's enough of me, here's the good stuff.

FUNDING

Funding for outdoors spaces

Schools in England, Scotland and Wales are being invited to apply for up to £500 worth of free outdoor equipment and two hours of professional outdoor training to help children connect with nature, become more active, and learn outdoors. Schools can choose from hundreds of different products to deliver outdoor learning and play. The funding is being made available through phase five of the charity Learning through Landscapes' Local School Nature Grant scheme, and is funded by the players of People's Postcode Lottery. There will be four funding rounds throughout the year. The closing date for applications for round 4 of the scheme is the 12th November 2021. More details [here](#)

Funding for Maths Teachers CPD

The London Mathematical Society has announced that Mathematics Teachers in the UK can apply for grants of up to £400 to attend specific one or two-day conferences/events organised by professional mathematical organisations. The aim of the grant is to facilitate mathematical professional development to allow teachers in UK schools/educational institutions to develop their subject knowledge. There are also more grants available for larger scale CPD maths events. More details [here](#)

STEM Funding for Climate based STEM projects

Up to £3000 of funding has been made available by The Royal Society, as part of their **Tomorrow's climate scientists**, aims to give students across the UK not just a voice, but an opportunity to take action themselves to address climate and biodiversity issues – to become the climate scientists of

tomorrow. Schools can apply for grants of up to £3,000 to run investigative STEM projects in partnership with STEM professionals from academia or industry. Training sessions for potential grant applications will take place in November and schools are encouraged to sign up to the free online training session. If you cannot attend one of these specific training sessions, additional sessions are being run about the wider Partnership Grants scheme in September and October. Details about these training sessions can be found on the Partnership Grants homepage. **The 2021 round is currently open and will close at the end of November 2021.** The 2022 round will open in early 2022. More details [here](#)

Funding for Breakfast Clubs (Kelloggs)

From September 21st, Kelloggs are offering schools the opportunity to apply for a grant of £1000 to help fund your breakfast club. A limited number of grants are available so priority will be given to those schools that have 35% and above of children in receipt of pupil premium funding. More details [here](#)

OPPORTUNITIES

British Exploring Society – FREE Expedition workshops (pre-Christmas)

BES are offering free Expedition Workshops for schools, aimed at Year 10 – 13 lasting 2.5hrs. The workshops are a great personal development opportunity for students. This stand-alone fun and engaging workshop benefits from BES' nearly-100 years of experience in delivering adventurous learning to help young people develop skills and gain a greater understanding of what an expedition would really be like. Please see attached flyer for more details or contact Holly Burns holly@britishexploring.org if you would like more information or to sign up.

Location:	School classroom or organisations space
More information:	Expedition Workshops
Covid-19 concerns:	Covid-19 Safety Measures
Age Range:	14 – 18 years
Duration:	2.5 hours
Cost:	Free

Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games (PE, PD and CORE Cares leads)

We are in the privileged position to already have a well-established relationship with the commonwealth games and all that entails. Students from across the Trust have been selected by our academies to take part in the Queens Baton Launch, as part of the opening ceremony. Up to 15 CORE students will represent the young people of Birmingham as flagbearers in the procession at Buckingham Palace, in front of the Queen and other members of the royal family. This event will take place on the 7th October, but we are assured there will be more opportunities for our schools to take part in the coming year. If you would like to register your interest, please email me jwa@core-education.co.uk

CORE Cares 28th September 15:30-16:30– FAO of CORE Care Leads, Student Voice Leads, Personal Development Leads, Pastoral Leads and Cultural Capital Leads

I'm holding up the newbie card here, as part of my "getting to know you" work, I would like to invite you to a TEAMS discussion about CORE Cares, a sharing opportunity to talk about the provision in your academy and how I can support you in the delivery and development of your CORE cares offer. I will be holding an initial session on Tuesday 28th September 15:30-16:30 [Click here to join the meeting](#) it would be great if you could attend. This session is open to anyone who runs a club, delivers pastoral support, supports Student Voice/Student Council or has a responsibility for CORE cares, personal development and/or cultural capital.