



NEWLY APPOINTED TRUST CHAMPIONS! | PRESS RELEASE

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Local Trust announces new roles to drive innovation across schools

Exciting changes are underway for a wide range of Devon schools in the coming months.

Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust (DMAT), which has 17 schools across the region, is bringing in new leadership and 'Trust Champions' to help spur opportunities for learning for all the Trust's pupils.

The four new Trust Champions will use their improvement expertise to elevate the curriculum, invigorate teaching practice and promote positive change across the schools to impact on every child's learning experience.

The Trust's recently appointed CEO, Dan Morrow, officially joins in January, however he is already working closely with leaders to put into place a number of initiatives to begin transforming educational outcomes and aspirations across the schools.

As the Trust's incoming CEO, Dan will focus on building the role of the Trust in the local community, developing strong partnerships across the schools and with organisations in the local area for the benefit of the whole community.

To help drive this, the Trust Champions will be joining the Trust's Educational Services Team, working across senior leadership and respective local school improvement teams to boost educational provision and opportunities for pupils. They bring with them a wealth of varied educational experience and will each add their own unique perspective on how to drive positive change across the Trust.

The Trust Champions, who will be starting over the coming months, are a key step in the fostering a collaborative community across the Trust. Today's announcement, and the introduction of their new CEO Dan Morrow in January, provides DMAT with a real opportunity to make a genuine impact on their community and ensure students are receiving the highest possible education.



Ed Finch, Trust Champion and one of TES's top 10 most influential people in education in 2019, said:

"I'm very excited to join Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust and get to know about all the great things going on in our schools. It will be my challenge and my privilege to seek all the bits of brilliance that are happening and connect us together so everyone gets to join in and see the benefit. I just can't wait to get started."

Also joining Ed as a Trust Champion is freelance education consultant Veronica Lloyd-Richards, who said:

"I feel very honoured to be working with Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust as a Trust Champion. Having worked in a range of schools in different parts of the country over the course of my career as a teacher and leader, I am especially excited to be able to make a contribution to the work of our schools in my local community. My interest is in teaching and learning and school leadership, and I can't wait to meet teachers and leaders from across the Trust and help support the great work they do in our schools."



Gareth Smith, who joins as a Trust Champion on a two-term secondment from DMAT's Tavistock College, is equally looking forward to getting started. He said:



"I am excited about starting as a Trust Champion as I have always enjoyed working with people to improve outcomes for young people. I am looking forward to getting involved in planning school improvement and working alongside teachers to make this happen. I have worked within Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust since its inception and share the cooperative values and principles it was founded on."

Trust Champion Rebecca Mullins will also be joining, bringing her years of teaching and leadership expertise to DMAT. Rebecca is also studying towards an MSc in Human Resource Management at Exeter University Business School. Rebecca has worked in a diverse range of school settings around the country and she will bring a wealth of experience in helping teachers to develop their practice and potential.





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Dan Morrow, incoming CEO of Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust, said:

"We are delighted to announce our four new Trust Champions today – this is a really exciting moment for Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust as we continue to go from strength to strength as we look to drive improvements for all our schools and pupils every day. I am really looking forward to officially joining the DMAT team in January and working closely with the new Trust Champions to see the positive impact we can make for everyone involved with the Trust and our local communities."