# A MESSAGE FROM ADRIAN ROGERS

Dear Pupils, Parents, Carers, Staff, and Governors,

It has been another fantastic half term across our schools.

At Trust level, a major highlight has been celebrating the Department of Education's approval of the merger between Inspiring Futures through Learning and Chiltern Learning Trust. It is brilliant news for the Trust as we grow to 43 schools, combining the primary expertise of IFtL and the secondary strengths of CLT. The merger will bring huge benefits to our pupils, staff and local communities and we are excited to see what we can achieve together.

I have greatly enjoyed attending Open Evenings across the Trust this half term. There has been a wonderful energy in our schools, with pupils and staff doing an outstanding job organising and hosting these events. It has been brilliant to see nursery children visiting our primary schools and Year 6 pupils coming along to our secondary schools and exploring the fantastic activities we had on offer.

Another highlight was our annual Kempston & Bedford Excellence Evening, where our Bedford hub came together to celebrate the achievements of our pupils. It was such a positive celebration of academic excellence.

Thank you and welcome to all the new staff who joined our trust this term. In particular, congratulations to our two new headteachers, Miss Elford at Stewartby Primary and Mr Comb at Linslade School, who have both made a brilliant start within their school communities.

Finally, I am so proud to share some of the incredible educational outcomes of our pupils. Following the recent publication of the GCSE League tables, it was amazing to see how well our pupils performed locally, regionally and nationally. A huge well done to all our secondary schools. A special mention goes to Chiltern Academy, who placed top in the county and Daubeney Academy, who were the top ten most improved school in the country!

A huge thank you to our staff across all schools for your hard work and commitment, and to our parents and carers for your continued support. We hope you all have a lovely half term break.

**Adrian Rogers.**
*Chief Executive Officer of Chiltern Learning Trust.*