Primary joins an academy trust

A Sunderland school is aiming high after joining an academy trust.

Diamond Hall Junior Academy has officially joined the North East Learning Trust this month.

Joining the trust will mean the Well Street school will become part of one of the most ambitious and exciting new multi-academy trusts in the North East.

With a shared vision for excellence, the Sunderland primary school will work with other trust schools to help improve outcomes for hundreds of children across the region.

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are delighted that Diamond Hall Junior Academy is joining our trust and we look forward to working closely with their staff in the coming months.

“As a successful junior school, Diamond Hall will bring a wealth of valuable experiences and expertise to our trust.”

“We are confident that their talented staff will boost the work we are doing with other primaries to help them to make rapid improvements.”

The North East Learning Trust is a growing multi academy trust made up of five secondary schools, three primary schools and a teacher training arm. Its vision is to ensure every child experiences excellence every day.

Multi Academy Trusts have been created by many of the best school leaders, teachers and governors to improve and sustain standards in schools.

The North East Learning Trust was founded by The Academy at Shotton Hall in Peterlee and includes Browney Academy on the outskirts of Durham, Shotton Hall SCITT, Easington Academy in Easington, Teesdale School and Sixth Form in Barnard Castle, Sacriston Academy, with Ashington Academy and Bedlington Academy in Northumberland set to join in the coming months.

Youngsters inspired by maths

Two Sunderland primary schools awarded special status.

St Paul’s CE Primary School and Fulwell Infants Academy, have both been awarded Advocacy School Status.

The pair have been appointed as Inspire Maths Advocate Schools as a result of demonstrating good teaching and learning.

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Teaching assistant’s top award

A Sunderland teaching assistant has scooped a top award for her work with youngsters.

The Jenny Ellis Award for the Outstanding Higher Level Teaching Assistant in the North East was awarded to Gemma Moppett at Easington Lane Primary School in Houghton.

This award was introduced in 2010 by Carnegie Leaders in Learning, based at Leeds Beckett University, to commemorate the sudden and tragic death in 2009 of a much loved and respected colleague, Jenny Ellis from Sunderland Local Authority.

HLTAs from across the region are nominated by school colleagues for their excellence in advancing the learning of pupils, working effectively as part of the school community and bringing expertise to the staff team.

Professor Damien Page, Dean of the Carnegie School of Education at Leeds Beckett, said: “I was delighted to be asked to present this year’s awards.”