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There's lots of new information to share with you all since my last briefing in January—so I'll keep my introduction short this time round to make sure I have enough space for all of the news!

Firstly, I'd like to extend a big Nexus **welcome** to **Alan Jones, Chris Rouse** and **Elise Bowen**—all of whom have recently joined governing bodies of Nexus MAT. The Government has launched its new "Competency Framework" for governors, which outlines the heady responsibilities these volunteers take on when they join a governing body. Alan, Chris and Elise will make a big difference to the schools they'll be governing: welcome to the team!

I'd also like to welcome **Jill Fowler** to our Trust, who has recently joined us as Finance & Development Officer. Jill will work with Tracey Brooke (Chief Finance Officer), Headteachers and School Business Managers to help ensure our growing organisation continues to have sound financial management at all times. Though that's not where our new appointments stop...

We've also been through two national recruitment campaigns to appoint permanent Headteachers for Hilltop and Pennine View. **David Burdett** has been appointed as the Headteacher of Hilltop School on a permanent basis, having been acting in the role since 2015. David has worked tirelessly to move Hilltop School forward as the expectations of Government (and Ofsted) continue to be raised, and I'm delighted he'll be at the helm for the long term.

Sarah Mulhall came through a highly competitive process to be appointed the new Headteacher of Pennine View School from September 2017. We were so, so fortunate to have such a strong field of candidates and I know Sarah will continue the excellent work started by Luci and senior leadership team at Pennine View this year. Pennine View's gain is Kelford School's loss as Sarah has been there for 17 years, though I am really happy that we now have 4 schools with 4 permanent Headteachers—all bringing diverse skills and incredible strength to our Trust.

Pennine View is still scheduled to convert to become an academy on 1st April 2017, and we have our first ever Leadership Summit (with Directors, Local Governing Bodies and school senior leadership teams all attending) on 30th March, where I'll spend some time outlining the successes of the last 10 months and looking forward to the challenges of the next 12! All this, and we've also been shortlisted for the **National Governor Association annual award for Outstanding Governance**. I believe the word I'm looking for is "Eeeeeep"!

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