

# An introduction to United Learning

For Parents and Carers at  
Wey Valley Academy

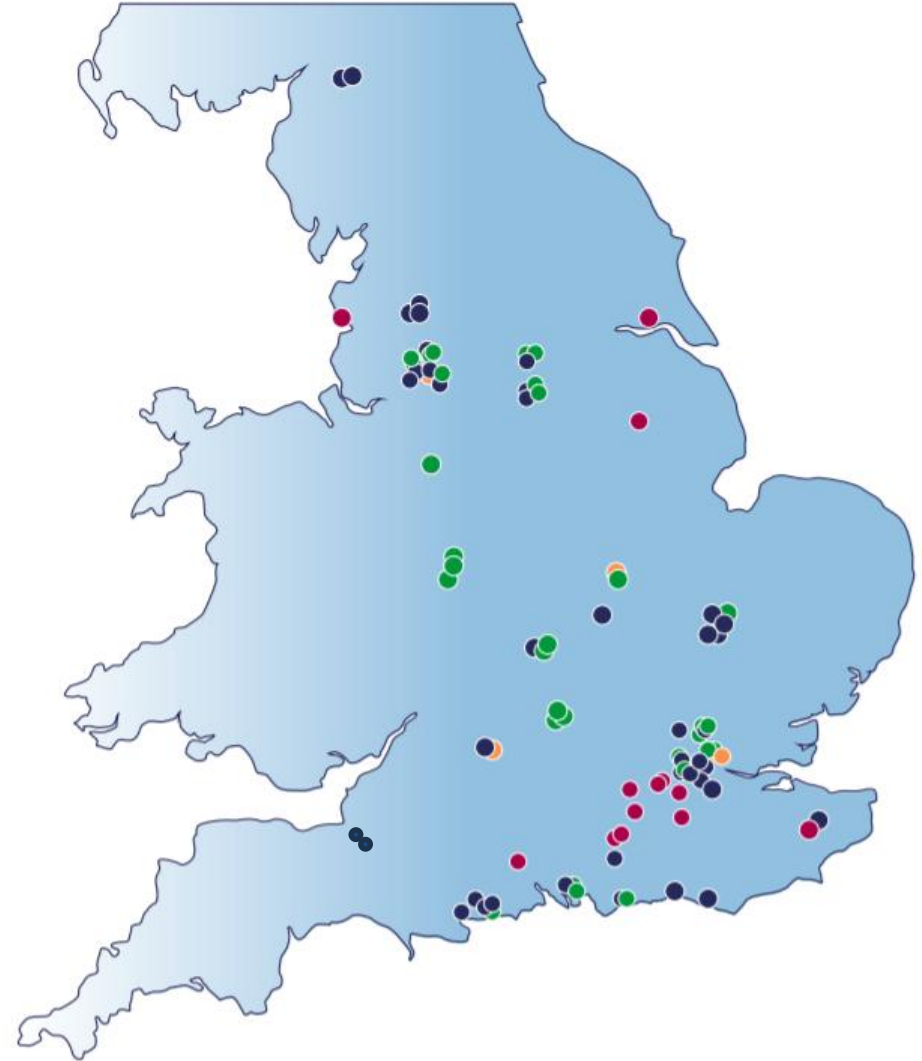
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# A national group of local schools

- United Learning Trust founded in 2002
- Children first; serving the community; relationships based
- 100+ schools – primary, secondary and all-throughs in diverse contexts
  - 70,000 pupils
  - Around 10,000 staff
- Long standing presence in Bournemouth & Poole
- One size does not fit all
- **Autonomy** - headteachers still run schools
- Develop **cluster model** to realise benefits of **local collaboration** and support **all staff**
- Recognised as a **national group of local schools**



# The Framework for Excellence



The Framework for Excellence consists of five principles:

1. The best from everyone
2. Powerful knowledge
3. Education with character
4. Leadership in every role
5. Continuous improvement

# Our basic model is this

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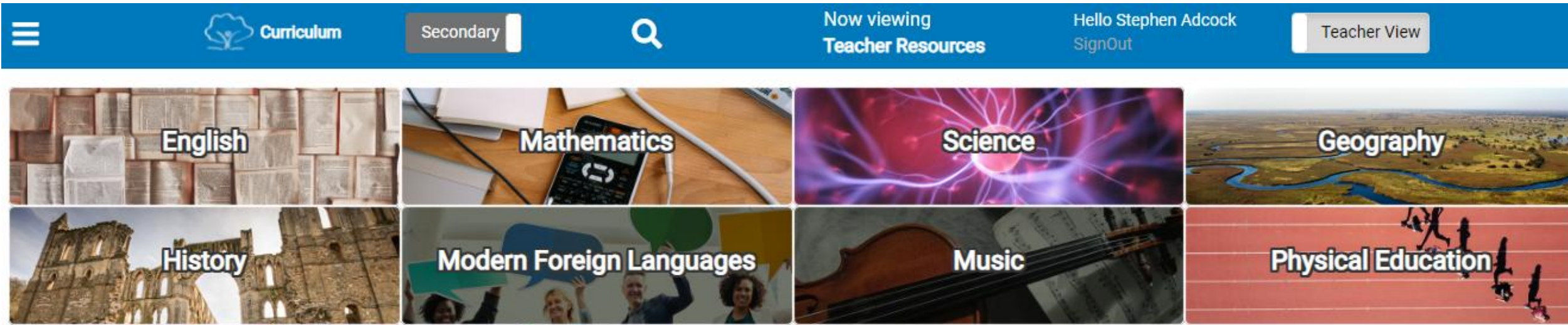
- Heads run schools, report to their Regional Director with local challenge and support from the Local Governing Body
- Some central principles:
  - Framework for excellence
  - Financial benchmarks
  - Co-developed curriculum
- Accountability and support:
  - Education challenge and support – Regional Director and specialist support
  - Team Around the School model: Estates, finance, HR, Technology, data, marketing support,
  - Specialist Support: PR agency, legal advice and support on a retainer
  - Compliance team –Safeguarding, Health and Safety, Governance, Data Protection, regulatory compliance.

# What does this mean for children?

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- Happy and secure in school – joyful education which prepares them for success in later life
- Ambitious and aspirational culture
- Help them to achieve their very best
- Children feel valued and listened to – including student surveys
- Focus on education with character
- Strong curriculum – both reflects their everyday lives and opens them up to new ideas and experiences
- [Pupil Charter and Increased student opportunities](#) – sporting tournaments and opportunities, leadership programmes, music performances, university entrance programmes
- Independent – state collaboration

# Trust Wide United Learning Curriculum (irresistible, but not mandatory)



- Advantage #1 – Ambitious and diverse curriculum for all
- Advantage #2 – No teacher teaches in isolation
  - Support from Subject advisers for HoDs, subject & specialist networks
  - Support networks for headteachers.

# In summary:

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## Things stay the same...

- Familiar faces in the classroom and in and around school
- Local decisions e.g. term dates, recruitment, school uniform

## but with an enhanced:

- Curriculum and Teaching and Learning support
- Educational support and guidance
- Networking and opportunities with other schools in the group and beyond
- Leadership Development Programme
- Enrichment opportunities at local, regional and national level

# Thank you for listening

Questions?

