



Royal honour for River Tees CEO

CHRISTINA JONES OBE

RECOGNISED FOR TRANSFORMATIVE IMPACT ON EDUCATION

Christina Jones, Chief Executive Officer of River Tees Multi Academy Trust, has been formally invested with the Order of the British Empire (OBE) by His Majesty King Charles III at Windsor Castle, following its announcement in the 2025 Birthday Honours for her outstanding services to education.

The prestigious recognition marks a significant milestone in Christina's distinguished career and celebrates her longstanding commitment to improving educational opportunities and outcomes for children and young people across the North East.

Christina has led River Tees Multi Academy Trust since 2016, overseeing a period of significant development and growth. Under her leadership, the Trust has continued to champion inclusive and innovative approaches to education, supporting thousands of young people to overcome barriers, engage with learning and achieve their potential.

Her work has been particularly focused on ensuring that every young person, regardless of their circumstances or challenges, has access to the right support and opportunities to Achieve, Thrive and Belong.

Speaking following the investiture, Christina expressed her gratitude for the recognition and highlighted the collective contribution of colleagues, pupils, families and communities who have helped shape the Trust's journey.

"This honour reflects the dedication of every educator, mentor and student who believes in the power of learning to change lives."

The investiture at Windsor Castle provided a fitting moment to celebrate Christina's contribution to education and the impact of her leadership across the North East. It represents not only a personal achievement, but a proud moment for colleagues and the wider River Tees Multi Academy Trust community, whose shared commitment continues to Change Lives.



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