

# Editorial

Welcome to September *EiS*!

I hope you have had an enjoyable and restful summer, albeit without very much sunshine for those of us based – or stuck! – in the UK.

In this 'Back to School' issue, you'll find articles from across ASE, including ideas to use in school, sources of support and details of some exciting new projects and activities.

Following a busy summer for the ASE publishing team, we're also delighted to welcome you to our new online bookshop – a joint venture between the ASE bookshop and our well-loved trading subsidiary, Millgate House Education. You can find out more on pages 11-13, including details of some of our new products and on how to sign up to the ASE Book Club – a perfect way to start the school year.

As part of our new strategic plan, we are committed to embedding equality, diversity and inclusion across our activities. In addition to the changes we're making to our own systems and processes, we're excited to be starting work on two new diversity and inclusion projects. You can find out more and meet our new team members for these and our other activities on pages 4-7.

As well as our new diversity and inclusion activities, we've also included an update on our current project providing support for teachers around maths and science, an update on the Welsh curriculum by Tom Crick, and don't forget to take a look at pages 26-27, where you can find out more about our plans for next January's Annual Conference. The team has been working incredibly hard with Sheffield Hallam University to introduce a wide range of COVID-safety measures, so that delegates, speakers and exhibitors can attend with confidence, and the programme looks fantastic. We can't wait to see you there.

You can also find our regular features, including a SEND update from Rob Butler, our early career teacher section and a bumper Prep Room offering from our Technicians' Committee. Huge thanks to Sue Smith for all her support with our Prep Room section over many years, and welcome to Jodi Clements who has kindly offered to take over this role.

Lastly, I would like to thank Simon Quinnell for all his support in his role as ASE Chair last year, and to welcome our new Chair, Jane Turner, with whom I'm very much looking forward to working. Thank you also to all our committee members and others who have supported our activities over the past 12 months. We are proud to be part of such a strong community.

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Chief Executive

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