



Board of Education



Diocesan Director's Newsletter - July 2017

17th July 2017

Dear Colleague

As we come to the end of the academic year, I wanted to write on behalf of the Diocesan Board of Education to thank you for your on-going leadership of your Church school and all the hard work you have committed to the children and young people in your care over the year.

Church of England Vision for Education

As we move forward, the new Church of England vision for education, underpinned by the four elements of hope, community, respect and dignity will serve as an excellent basis for

providing the distinctive, Christian education we strive to deliver for all children in our care. The vision provides a sound framework for working with others to build partnerships within the communities that we serve through our Church schools. If you haven't read the vision document yet, do have a read over the summer before you return to school in September:

[Church of England Vision for Education](#)

The Church of England Professional Qualification for Headship (CEPQH)

It has just been announced that this leadership development programme designed specifically for Church school headteachers and aspiring leaders has been accredited by the Department of Education as part of the new suite of NPQH qualifications. This is very good news and this means that it is no longer necessary for Church school heads to have to choose between the standard NPQH and the CEPQH which is specifically designed for leaders of Church schools in line with the new Church of England vision for education.

Congratulations go to the [Altius Teaching School](#) in Tunbridge Wells who have been selected as a delivery partner for the CEPQH and a new national Executive Leadership programme which will equip leaders for the school-led system. You can find more details of the CEPQH programme here:

[The Church of England Foundation for Educational Leadership](#)

The importance of Church Schools as part of the diocesan mission

Bishop James recently spoke about the importance of our 88 Church of England schools as part of our wider mission to children and young people across the diocese and you can watch his video blog here:

[Bishop James - The importance of Church Schools](#)

Successful School Leadership

I recently heard someone state that a definition of a successful education leader is someone who develops a school leader, who in turn is then able to grow another school leader, hence improving the leadership capacity for future generations of children. As you reflect over the summer, I would encourage you to think about your own leadership role and how you can continue to grow and support the next generation of Church school leaders in our diocese.

Leadership Arrangements - Diocesan Education Team

You will have received a letter from Bishop James confirming that I will be leaving my role as Director of Education for Rochester on the 17th August to take up a new role as Director of Education in Guildford Diocese.

I am very pleased to confirm that the DBE has appointed John Constanti as Acting Director of Education in the interim period until a new substantive Diocesan Director is appointed. I wish John and the rest of the education team every success as they continue to work with you next academic year.

Education Service

A big thank you to all those Church schools and colleagues who contributed to the Education Thanksgiving Service at Rochester Cathedral on the 28th June.

A special thank you goes to the pupils of St Mary's Island CofE Primary, Medway, Holy Trinity CofE Primary School, Dartford, Kent, Wateringbury CofE Primary School, Kent and Bishop Justus Secondary School, Bromley for taking part in the service.

The standard of the musical contributions of these schools to the service was excellent and created a special occasion to say thank you to long-serving governors, retiring heads and those members of Church school staff who were nominated by their headteachers for special recognition and awards

Rochester LINK Diocesan Newspaper - Education edition

The Rochester LINK is the diocesan newspaper which is published every month and focuses on a different aspect of the work of the diocese. This month, the newspaper is celebrating our work in education and the contribution of Church schools across the diocese. If you haven't picked up a paper copy, you can read the newspaper online here:

[Rochester LINK - Education Edition](#)

Thank you to all those colleagues and schools who provided articles and contributed to the newspaper.

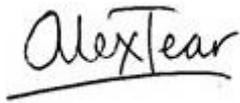
Farewell

This is my last newsletter as Diocesan Director of Education and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support over the six and half years I have been in post in

the diocese. It has been a privilege to serve as Director of Education for Rochester and I have thoroughly enjoyed working with all of our Church school leaders and governing bodies. The high-quality leadership and positive outcomes that you and your leadership teams deliver for children and young people in your care is both inspiring and impressive!

I wish the Diocesan Board of Education, the Education team and all those who serve in education in our diocese well for the future.

With warm wishes,



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