



Board of Education



Diocesan Director's Newsletter - November 2016

9th November 2016

Dear Colleague

'Visions should be lived not laminated'

I hope you managed to have a good half-term and spend some time with family and friends and have a break from school matters.

Recently I attended a national conference where one of the speakers was talking passionately about the role and purpose of leaders and the importance of vision.

The speaker reminded the audience that ***'Visions should be lived not laminated'*** which I think sums up perfectly the challenge for us as Church school leaders - our leadership and Christian faith has to be authentic and lived out daily so that our children and staff can see it modelled first hand and understand what it means to be a 'servant leader'.

The Church of England has launched its new vision for education **'Deeply Christian, Serving the Common Good'** which identifies the four elements of wisdom, hope, community and dignity as a way of articulating what it means to be part of a Christian

community and lead a Church school. I would commend this to you - you can download a copy of the vision using the link below.

This bulletin is very busy with lots of updates so do please read to the bottom of this newsletter!

Sir David Carter - National Schools Commissioner - Presentation Slides

It was good to welcome Sir David Carter to the diocese before half-term to hear him speak about the evolving education landscape. If you weren't able to attend, a copy of his slides are available to download below, Do disseminate the slides to your governing body please.

Rochester Diocesan Schools Leadership Conference - Friday 10th March 2017

Our sixth annual Schools' Leadership Conference takes place on Friday 10th March at the Great Danes Hotel, Maidstone.

This year we have already secured 'Contender Charlie' a company who specialise in using Shakespeare's plays to promote and develop thinking around school leadership.

We are currently securing the other keynote speakers and will let you know as soon as booking is open. Please put the date in your diary so you are able to come.

Understanding Christianity & R.E. Subject Leaders

A big thank you to all those schools who have signed up for the Understanding Christianity training programme and resources which will form the basis of the new diocesan syllabus and support materials.

The training has been popular and the only session that now has any spaces is:

Northfleet - St Botolph's CEP School DA11 9PL

Tuesday 6 December 2016 - 9-30am to 4pm

Wednesday 29 March 2017 - 9-30am to 4pm

plus the RE support group meetings from

1-30pm to 3-30pm on Thursdays:

3 November 2016, 23 Feb 2017, 8 June 2017

(At the Diocesan Office)

Alternatively, participants can attend the follow-up session below if they are unable to attend the RE support group meetings at the Diocesan office:

RE support group meetings

1-30pm to 3-30pm on Wednesdays:

2 November 2016, 22 Feb 2017, 7 June 2017

At Bennett Memorial Diocesan School TN4 9SH

Heads & Chairs briefings - 2nd & 3rd February 2017

The dates of the Heads & Chairs briefings for next term are below for your diaries:

Thursday 2nd February - The Holiday Inn, Wrotham - 8.30am - 10.30am

Friday 3rd February - Diocesan Office, Rochester - 1.30pm to 3.30pm

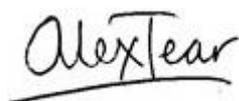
Please book your places on any of these events please contact Teresa Spearink at: teresa.spearink@rochester.anglican.org

The Church of England Professional Qualification for Headship (CEPQH)

I am pleased to report that nine senior leaders from Rochester Diocese have been successful in joining the programme which starts this week. There are 22 leaders from three dioceses enrolled in the first cohort so thank you for promoting the programme with your senior leaders.

We are very conscious that this period is always very busy in school in the lead up to Christmas so, through this newsletter, I wanted to remind and re-assure you that the diocese, through the education team, is always available to support you and your Church school with the challenges ahead.

With best wishes,



Alex Tear

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