



Diocesan Director's Update - February Newsletter 2017

24th February 2017

Dear Colleague

I hope you had a good half-term and managed to get a break from school.

Diocesan Schools Leadership Conference - Friday 10th March 2017

We are now only two weeks away from the conference and we are really looking forward to the day and hearing our excellent keynote speakers:

1. Revd Dr Canon Jim Walters - Chaplain and Senior Lecturer at the London School of Economic's Faith Centre - Jim will be sharing his insights on how Church schools can embrace the vision as part of developing their Christian character and ethos

2. Jim Davis & Larissa Pope - The Children's Society - Programme manager and co-author of The Good Childhood Report

3. Paul Warwick - Contender Charlie

Paul is an experienced theatre director and actor who specialises in bringing the plays of

Shakespeare to life, drawing on some of the plays as the inspiration for improving our leadership in the educational context. See more here: [Contender Charlie Website](#)

There are a limited number of places still available for the conference so if you haven't booked a place and would still like to come, do contact Teresa Spearink at the Diocesan office on 01634 560025

Service Level Agreement (SLA) 2017/18

We will be sending out the new SLA brochure for 2017/18 to all our Church schools and academies in the next couple of weeks.

The new SLA subscription will be based on a per pupil contribution rather than banded rates depending on school size like in previous years. For the majority of our Church schools this will mean a reduction on the subscription rates for the SLA.

Details on how to calculate your subscription for your school will be included in the brochure sent to schools.

Heads & Chairs Briefings

Thank you to those colleagues who were able to attend last term's Heads & Chairs briefings.

Please note that next term, both sessions will be breakfast briefings starting at 8.30am at the normal venues:

Thursday 8th June - Holiday Inn, Wrotham - 8.30am

Friday 9th June - Diocesan Offices, Rochester - 8.30am

Church Schools Celebration - Rochester Cathedral - 13th & 16th June

All those schools who have been invited to attend this year have been sent a letter asking them to confirm their attendance. If you have not yet confirmed your school's place, do please return the reply slip to the Diocesan office as soon as possible.

Education Service & Garden Party - Wednesday 28th June 2017

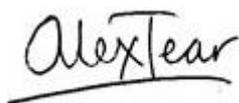
This year, we will be changing the arrangements for this service and inviting all our Church schools to send a number of representatives from your staff to join us in the Cathedral and

afterwards at the Garden Party.

You will receive a letter shortly asking you to name the members of staff who will be coming to the service and nominate any member of staff that you would like to receive a Bishop's Certificate for the contribution to the Christian ethos of your school. More details to follow.

We look forward to seeing you at the Leadership Conference on the 10th March.

With best wishes,



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