

Head Teachers' Bulletin – 7th Oct 2022

Events this week

School visits

St Catherine's – Mon 10th Oct 11.00

Heads' and Business Managers' Drop In (with Adnan and Steve) – Thursdays 4pm

Trauma Informed Conference – Fri 14th Oct 9am-3pm Niagara Conference Centre Sheffield

This is a Learn Sheffield Conference that a number of Heads from our family are attending.

Upcoming Events

School visits

St Thomas More – Monday 17th Oct 10.30

St Alban's – Wed 19th October 10.30

St Joseph's Handsworth – Thu 20th October 10.30

Chairs' Forum (Remote Meeting) – Wed 19th October 6.30pm

Actions from this Bulletin

1. **Contact John Coats (jcoats@notredame-high.co.uk) if you have any thoughts on the questions from his presentation (attached):**
 - Would you support the development of the internship programme to include primary and/or additional subjects at secondary?
 - In what ways could The Sheffield SCITT better support school improvement within St Clare CMAT?
 - Are there any ways in which St Clare CMAT schools/The Sheffield SCITT currently work in an unhelpful way around teacher recruitment?
 - Are there any obvious next steps?
2. **Contact Steve if you were looking for a subject network on Computing**, outlining what you are looking for (e.g. Someone with a strong curriculum who can help you implement it, someone to do some peer review on what you have already, or a more informal network to tap into)
3. **Contact Steve if you have any feedback on the suggested outline of the cross-phase work on writing**. Is that what you are looking for? Anything else? Please also get in touch if there are people

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you think we should approach to help lead this work, either within our schools or who you've worked with externally.

4. **If you would like to be involved in a trial of the shared SEF and SIP format and some peer moderation, please let Steve know.** Thanks to Alison, Helen, Lindsey and Dids for offering in the meeting. I will be in touch soon.
5. **Put 23rd and 24th March in your diary as dates for our St Clare Conference.** Details to follow.
6. In addition to the specific feedback requested on points above, please do share thoughts or ideas that you have on any of the items discussed.

Please follow us on twitter @stclarecma and tag us in to your posts, we love to see the great work happening in our schools.

New Updates (since last bulletin)

Notes from Heads' Forum

Thanks to everyone who was able to attend the Heads' Forum. Please find attached notes from the meeting and a copy of the presentation that John Coats shared on the SCITT. I have added to the notes a few updates where things have developed since the meeting. I have also copied the actions from the meeting to this bulletin for convenience.

Team Teach Training

I hope you received my email on Monday, highlighting the availability of places for one day Team Teach training at St Helen's school. The cost is £99 and Damien had some additional places available on both 2nd and 3rd November. Please get in touch with Damien Thorpe directly if you are interested in a place.

Zoom drop in – Adnan and Steve

As I noted last week, in order to try to make it easier to pick up any current practical questions, difficulties or concerns around the finance system Adnan and I will run a weekly zoom 'drop in' (Link above) on Thursdays from 4pm. This follows on directly from Adnan's regular meeting with Business Managers. It is open to Heads and/or Business Managers if you need to have a quick conversation or check in about something. If we can't solve it there, we will arrange a time or way to address it.

This is seen as an extra to getting in touch with Adnan, Anita or me directly and we add it as we recognise that there are some challenges where you are not able to get things straightened out quickly.

Items copied from previous weeks' bulletins for reference

Trauma Informed Conference – Learn Sheffield

This is a Learn Sheffield organised conference, but we have places for Heads from our family beyond Sheffield. It will showcase some of the work that has been happening in schools in the City and there will be a range of speakers providing some inspiration about Trauma informed practice in our schools.

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This is an area that I know a number of schools are working on at the moment and the conference provides a helpful opportunity for us to plug into a wider network, while sharing together as a family what we are doing and what we might be able to do together that supports our individual work.