

Head Teachers' Bulletin – 25th November 2022

Events this week (week beginning 28th Nov)

School visits & meetings

All Saints – Mon 28th Nov 11.00-12.00

St Thomas of Canterbury – Tue 29th Nov 10.30-11.30

Holy Rood – Wed 30th Nov 10.30-11.30

Senior Leaders' Group Meeting; Tue 29th Nov 1.30pm @ St Catherine's

Chairs' Forum – Wed 30th Nov 6pm @ All Saints

New Updates (since last bulletin)

Heads' Forum – 22nd Nov at St Alban's

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend Tuesday's meeting and for Lindsey for hosting us and for sharing some of the work that has been happening to transform the physical environment at St Alban's.

I have attached summary notes and actions from our discussion on SEND and a compilation of the notes shared by each discussion group. Thank you to Fiona for her work in guiding us through discussion.

The next step agreed is to take some further time to tie down a picture of what provision is like at the moment and what we want it to look like. This will lead to a pledge that we will sign up to. The overall aim is to focus on what we can control and to make informed decisions about what we can do in our individual schools, but also what we can do through collaborative work in the Trust that will make a difference.

The next meeting will be on 24th January at St Marie's, from 9.30-11am. Please do make sure that this is in your diary.

Conference Update

I can confirm that I have booked the Principal Hotel in York (by the Station) for 23rd and 24th March. The majority of Heads are able to attend which is fantastic.

The theme will be the text from 1 Corinthians 12; 1 body with many parts. We have two organisational psychologists who are going to help us to develop what we want out of our work together and what that means for the way we work. There will be time too to step out of the hectic school life and to spend time on ourselves as leaders and human beings.

Costs will be covered by the management charge for schools already in the Trust. We will invoice schools that are not yet in the Trust later. Please do keep the date free.

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Notices

“Little Bits of God” artwork coming to the diocese – 10th Feb – 31st March 2023

We're delighted to reveal that the Little Bits of God mosaic commissioned by the Bishops' Conference will be in St Peter in Chains Church in Doncaster from 10 February – 31 March 2023. This Mosaic, as well as being beautiful, is a way of engaging the stories in the Bible. It provides a focus for prayer and reflection on the Scriptures. You can find out more here <https://art.godwhospeaks.uk/>

We would like to encourage wide engagement across the diocese and we would particularly like to include schools, both in the visit but also in the planning stages. The mosaic will provide an educational focus on the Bible and Art as well as being a good Lenten prayer focus for both Primary and Secondary students. Additionally, for secondary students, it will provide an opportunity to see a mosaic close-up and explore the theme of symbolism which will be useful for those studying the Tree of Life Mosaic (Eduqas Route B) or other routes looking at religious art and imagery.

The diocesan Formation and Mission Team is setting up a working group to co-ordinate the visit and is looking for people to be part of this. If you would be willing to be involved in the planning for the visit, then please contact Kevan Grady kgrady@hallam-diocese.com or 07799 103274 before 29 November 2022.

The Art House

St Matthew's Church of England church based in the centre of Sheffield run Pottery and Art Classes on a commercial basis to support their charity The Art House (which provides art therapy and wellbeing groups.) They have one of the largest pottery studios in the region along with an Art Room and Gallery.

We have been contacted by Ben Clowes with information about pottery and art workshops that are tailor made or are appropriate for extra curriculum activities (e.g., a 'Live Animal Drawing Workshop' on the 3rd December featuring Meercats, Snakes, Rabbits, Hedgehogs).

Ben's email address is ben.clowes@arthousesheffield.co.uk if you would like to contact him for more information.

Items copied from previous weeks' bulletins for reference

Compliance Management Software

On visits to a couple of schools, heads have raised questions about compliance with regulations to do with site management. That has led to discussion about Every Compliance Management software, which is a tool that Adnan has used before. For premises use, it can provide a checklist of the routine activity that should happen during the year and it will provide reports for Heads, governors and directors to show where we are up to with this work. There are other features that can help keep track of other aspects of compliance.

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It is a system that we could consider buying into across the Trust. Adnan and I would welcome any thoughts or feedback you have on this. If you want to have a quick look at what it is about, you can visit the website at www.weareevery.com