

Head Teachers' Bulletin – 16th Dec 2022

Events coming up in the new year

School visits

St Alban's – Thu 5th Jan 10.30-11.30

All Saints – Wed 18th Jan 10.30-11.30

St Thomas of Canterbury – Thu 19th Jan 10.30-11.30

Meeting the millennial need session 3 – 9th January 3.30-5.30 Niagara Centre Sheffield

Governors' information from Alan Dewhurst on new section 48 inspection framework – 17th January 6.00-7.30pm

Meeting the millennial need session 4 – 19th January 3.30-5.30 St Catherine's Sheffield

Heads' Forum – 24th January 9.30-11.00 St Marie's

Actions from this Bulletin

1. **Date for the diary** – Tue 21st Feb (9am-1pm TBC) – SEND workshop with Nick Whitaker.
2. **Dates for the diary** – Writing moderation; F2/Y1/Y2: Thursday 23rd February, Y3/Y4: Thursday 2nd March, Y5/Y6: Thursday 9th March
3. **Let Anita know if you could host one or more of the moderation meetings noted above**
4. **Share data for KS2 progress scores** – see notes below

New Updates (since last bulletin)

Outcome of the Advisory Board on 13th Dec

We have been informed by the DfE team who works with us that the Advisory Board have deferred approval of conversion of St Theresa's and Our Lady and St Joseph's schools. We understand that the board wanted greater assurance that some systems are fully embedded.

We are disappointed by the decision as the DfE team we work with is fully informed about and comfortable with our stage of development as a new CMAT. They were not expecting this decision from the board. We will be working with them team to revise timescales and have been assured that we continue to be fully supported in our development and growth as a CMAT.

I have of course already messaged St Theresa's and Our Lady and St Joseph's about this decision.

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For those schools who have started consultation or who plan to do so shortly, there is no reason to pause, or change target dates for transfer as we are hopeful that this is a change of immediate plan which, although frustrating, is not expected to affect longer term plans. I will of course keep everyone updated once we are able to revise timelines.

Final notes for 2022

Please note the actions which are still live from last week's bulletin (above). Thanks to everyone who has already responded.

I also want to draw your attention to the notice below, shared by Huw Thomas who is Diocesan Director of Education for the Anglican Diocese of Sheffield. He wanted to draw your attention to the 'Leaders Like Us' training pathway that is available, fully funded, to support aspiring leaders from UK Minority Ethnic/ Global Majority Heritage backgrounds. It looks like an excellent programme, so if you can share it within your schools that would be wonderful. The deadline for applications on the webpage will soon have passed, but if you have anyone interested, you can let me know soon after the Christmas break and Huw has said that he should be able to get them on the programme.

Finally, with some of you finishing today and others heading into the last week of term next week, I just want to wish you and all of your colleagues, children and families all the best over the Christmas break. I pray that it is a time of true blessing where you are touched by the hope of the birth of our Lord.

Thank you very much for your support and patience over the last term. I am very excited for the new year ahead because of everything that we already do between us and because of everything we dare to hope to do even better for the children and young people we serve.

God Bless

Steve

Notices

The Church of England Foundation for Educational Leadership has developed a leadership pathway called Leaders Like Us to promote diversity and equality of opportunity in leadership roles in schools. It is specifically for aspiring senior leaders from UKME/ GMH backgrounds, with the aim of enabling folks to progress into or through school leadership to their next level.

It provides training (including the full raft of NPQs) and mentoring.

Information about "Leaders Like Us" can be found here: <https://www.cefel.org.uk/leaderslikeus/>

There is also an application form, FAQs and contact details etc.

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The application is supposed to be completed by the end of this term. However, they will take an application after the Christmas break. If you know of anyone interested, please let Steve know ASAP after Christmas.