

## Head Teachers' Bulletin – 9th Dec 2022

### Events this week (week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> Dec)

#### School visits

St Thomas of Canterbury - Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 1-2pm

Meeting the Millennial Need Session 2; Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 3.30pm @ Niagara Centre Sheffield

### Actions from this Bulletin

1. **Date for the diary – Tue 21<sup>st</sup> 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
5. **Let Katie Askew (Sheffield SCITT) know if any of your staff would be interested in the NPQ Leading Teacher Development** through the Ambition Institute, starting in the Spring Term. Katie's address is [kaskew@notredame-high.co.uk](mailto:kaskew@notredame-high.co.uk) – the **deadline for response is Friday 16th December**.

### New Updates (since last bulletin)

#### SEND Workshop with Nick Whitaker

We agreed at the last Heads' Forum that we needed to continue the work on setting out our shared vision for SEND across our schools. Nick Whitaker, former national lead SEND HMI has agreed to lead us in a workshop with this focus and, from there to help us to plan our next steps as individual schools and in our work together. The workshop will be on the morning of Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February (9am-1pm, times TBC).

This should be an excellent half day spent on the area that we are all saying is the biggest priority for us. I recommend that we do this in place of the Heads' Forum which is currently scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> March.

#### Writing moderation

Claire Round and many of the writing leads from across our schools met this week to plan writing moderation for the Spring Term, on the dates below (all 2:30-4pm):

F2/Y1/Y2: Thursday 23rd February

Y3/Y4: Thursday 2nd March

Y5/Y6: Thursday 9th March

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The plan is that teachers of the above classes would attend with a range of writing from different standards (WTS/EXS/GDS). The Primary English leads would join the sessions to support/challenge/facilitate the moderation sessions. All English leads would not need to attend all sessions, but we would break off into 'specialist' KS areas E.g. those who were more KS1 specialists would lead the KS1 moderation sessions and so on.

We need venues for the moderation meetings. We could have up to 40 people at each one. One suggestion would be if Notre Dame, All Saints, Holy Trinity or St Pius could host any of the meetings. It would be a great opportunity to get colleagues from secondary English Departments to come along to get a first-hand connection to the work going on with some of the children that will be coming to you in time.

I would also ask you to support colleagues in attending the moderation. Please do let me know if there are practical or cost difficulties. I cannot promise anything, but will help where we can.

### KS2 progress scores

A couple of colleagues have asked about average KS2 progress scores for our family of schools. By this time next year we will have routine data collection in place and I will certainly need to share Trust Data with our Standards and Catholic Christian Life committee to help them to get an overview of the Trust. However, at the moment, we haven't got a routine system in place.

For now, if you have calculated a progress score please send it to Anita. If you have not, please send the raw data and we will calculate it. Send it in whatever format you have it.

I will share the overall average with everyone once we have all the data, for you to use if and where it is helpful to you.

## Notices

### NPQLTD Opportunity

You will, I am sure be aware of the DfE funded NPQs that are available through approved providers. The DfE are currently funding places on the NPQLTD (Leading Teacher Development) programme for a spring start. How long they will continue to fund places for subsequent cohorts is not known, but with squeezes on department budgets, it is quite possible that subsequent cohorts may not be funded for all teachers.

If you receive The Sheffield SCITT newsletter, you will have read that the SCITT has got agreement from the Ambition Institute (who are one of the approved NPQ providers) to run a closed NPQLTD cohort for SCITT mentors. This would start in February 2023 and run for approximately 1 year.

We have had good interest from SCITT mentors across our partnership, but have not quite got to the minimum cohort size for us to be able to run a closed cohort, and are therefore **opening the opportunity up to St Clare colleagues** more widely.

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If any of your staff are interested in finding out more about the Ambition Institute's NPQLTD programme they can visit their information page [HERE](#). This will provide an overview of the programme as well as the content structure and overview of the curriculum. It also gives an idea of the time commitment involved.

If this is something any of your staff wish to undertake as part of a Sheffield SCITT Mentor cohort:

1. They would need to let Katie Askew [kaskew@notredame-high.co.uk](mailto:kaskew@notredame-high.co.uk) know by Friday 16th December.
2. We then pass details onto the Ambition Institute
3. Your staff would also need to formally register with the Ambition Institute before 9<sup>th</sup> January – the fact that 1-2. above would have happened means that Ambition Institute will know to assign them to the Sheffield SCITT cohort.

Should we not reach the required cohort size (or if they would prefer to be part of a centrally run cohort rather than a closed cohort), colleagues are still able to register directly with the Ambition Institute to undertake the NPQLTD , but as part of one of their centrally run cohorts.

### Items copied from previous weeks' bulletins for reference

#### Conference Update

I can confirm that I have booked the Principal Hotel in York (by the Station) for 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> 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.