

Head Teachers' Bulletin – 13th Jan 2023

Events coming up this week (week beginning 16th Jan)

School visits

All Saints – Wed 18th Jan 10.30-11.30

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

Section 48 inspection framework - Governors' information from Alan Dewhurst – 17th

January 6.00-7.30pm (email Amanda Bramall at abramall@hallam-diocese.com, giving the name of the governor, the school and the governor's email address. A link will be sent in the week prior to the meeting)

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

Future events

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

Hallam Diocese Primary RE Come and See Refreshers;

- Focus on Lent in Key Stage 2: Tuesday 7th February, 1pm-3.30pm
- Focus on Lent in Key Stage 1 and EYFS: Thursday 9th February, 1pm-3.30pm

Actions from this Bulletin

1. Interest in ['curriculum for senior leaders' course](#) – response to Steve by 16th Jan
2. Land and Buildings Collection Tool - (All Saints, Notre Dame, Sacred Heart, St Ann's, St Catherine's, St Marie's, St Mary's, St Thomas of Canterbury, St Wilfrid's) – Let Anita know by Tue 17th Jan which of the following options applies to you:
 - You have already asked the DfE to submit the form on your behalf
 - You would like the DfE to submit the form on your behalf but have not yet asked them (this option is probably best if you have changes to land and very few/no leases)
 - You plan to complete the form when it goes live on 17th Jan
3. RAAC form – Completion deadline 10th Feb – Thanks to those who have already completed it
4. Experience with refugees starting with no English – Please let Steve know if you have experience of taking in refugees, especially those where the children and families arrive with no English. We are looking for colleagues who could be a source of advice for other schools.

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New Updates (since last bulletin)

Land and Buildings Collection Tool

On 17th January the Land and Buildings Collection Tool goes live, with a deadline for submission of 21st Feb. This is the annual collection of information about academy land and buildings by the DfE. This year's data collection is based on a snapshot of land and buildings on 31st Aug 2022.

The collection does not apply to schools who are not academies, so if you aren't an academy or weren't on 31st August 2021 you can stop reading this!

Everyone else will be involved in some way in submitting information for this year's return, but that will look different for different schools. I have attached a summary with the bulletin of what it will look like for different schools for you to refer to if it is of help.

In all cases, because schools are on land owned by the Diocese of Hallam, the Diocese will need to approve information about church owned land. This will be part of the submission process, but to give time for this it is important that we complete our work as soon as possible, so that the Diocese can check their sections in good time for final submission on 21st Feb.

Schools that were single academy trusts on 31st August 2022, but joined St Clare's on 1st September have some additional options about how you submit. You will have received an email about this back in October. So that I can coordinate this with the DfE, I need to know if:

- You have already asked the DfE to submit the form on your behalf
- You would like the DfE to submit the form on your behalf but have not yet asked them (this option is probably best if you have changes to land and very few/no leases)
- You plan to complete the form in school when it goes live on 17th Jan (probably the best option if you think you have changes and/or quite a number of non-land leases)

I have flagged this up in the 'actions' section above for the schools this is relevant to. Please do let Anita know which of the options above applies to you by Tue 17th Jan.

RAAC (Reinforced Aerated Autoclaved Concrete) survey

Thanks to everyone who has already completed the online [form](#) sent out by Anita on Monday 9th Jan. This form has only gone to schools who have joined St Clare as they are the schools we need to submit the information for.

Please note that there is no expectation from the DfE for you to be checking for the presence of RAAC. The data collection is just to find out which schools have already had a survey or have one planned, or those who already know that you have RAAC. It is to help the government plan the strategy for the future in managing this.

Heads' Forum – 24th Jan 9.30 – 11.00am St Marie's

I have attached the agenda and some briefing notes for the next Heads' Forum on 24th Jan. St Marie's Sheffield will be hosting the meeting and John Fernandes has kindly offered to share their recent Ofsted experience at the meeting. I will also be giving a summary update on where we are with the

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development of the Trust and will welcome questions and feedback.

Please do let me know if there are other items that you would like to cover in this meeting or future meetings.

Please do let Anita know if you will not be able to attend the meeting. It is helpful to know numbers in advance of the event. I look forward to seeing you all.

Notices

Please see the notices section below. I just want to take the opportunity to remind you that you can let me know if there is anything that you would like me to share with other schools via the bulletin. You can do that by contacting me directly or getting in touch with Anita.

This week we have a couple of notices from St Alban's. The first is in relation to some vacancies that they have coming up. If you would like to highlight vacancies across schools via the bulletin, please let me know. Sharing vacancies directly with each other may help to identify opportunities to help one another out. It may be that you have strong trainees that you don't have a job for, or strong colleagues on fixed term contracts, or you may have had strong applicants for a post that you did not appoint. In all of these cases, it could be helpful to share this information with schools that have vacancies as a way of helping each other out. It may even be in some cases that vacancies could be filled through a secondment that would be beneficial to both schools, so going through the bulletin may help us to identify these different sorts of opportunities that are open to us as we develop out CMAT.

Also from St Alban's we have a request that any schools who have had experience of taking in refugees, particularly where there is no English spoken by the child or the family, to let me know. Again, this is another simple way of linking up experience across our families of schools to help one another out.

Finally I have included the notice about interns (along with the attachments) from last week. I would really encourage you to support promotion of the programme wherever you can and also to consider hosting interns this summer. It is a really good programme and we have seen some under graduate teachers commit to teaching as a career, many of whom trained with the SCITT and are now teaching in schools across the Diocese. It is a really good way to nurture and grow our own teachers. You can use the attached flyer to promote the programme and there is a link in the letter if you wish to register an interest in hosting an intern in the summer.

Notices

St Alban's

Possible vacancy for 2 terms – Y4 teacher. Will be advertising. Interested in exploring secondments, shared arrangements with other schools or noting where you may be aware of someone who will be available for work from Sept.

Also have Syrian refugees starting, speak no English. First time in this situation. Would welcome contact with school who has similar experience to share.

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Internships Programme 2023

Exciting news! The Hallam TSA has once again been selected by the DfE to run the Internships Program in summer of 2023. We have broadened the range of subjects to include non-funded placements in shortage subjects as well as opening the experience up to our primary phase colleagues.

Please share this notice widely among your staff and alumni to reach as many future teachers out there as possible! There is a flyer attached with this bulletin to help you to do this.

DfE funded subjects 2023: Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Computing, Languages

Non-funded subjects 2023: RE, Biology, English, History, Geography, Primary phase

Dates of placement: June 16, 2023-July 6, 2023

Also, if you are interested in hosting interns, there is a link in the attached letter to allow you to register an interest.

Items for previous Bulletins for reference

Any CPD, learning walks, reviews going on that I could join

In order to help me to continue to deepen my understanding of your schools, I would welcome the opportunity to join things such as CPD sessions on key areas of development, or learning walks or other review activities. If you are doing work with outside partners or other schools that is also really helpful for me to see in practice.

As always, I don't want to add to your workload or that of other colleagues so I am interested in things that I can 'tag along to' in a way that won't complicate things, or even better, where I might be able to help out.

I would be grateful if you could take a moment to look through your school calendars for the term ahead and just flag up any such dates with Anita. Depending on how much comes back, I can't promise to get to everything so it would be helpful if you could highlight anything that you would appreciate me making a priority.

Curriculum for Senior Leaders' Course

Many of you will know that we work with the Ambition Institute in delivery of the ECT framework. Through that link, Ambition have highlighted a course that may be of interest for some of our senior leaders.

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It is called 'Curriculum for Senior Leaders' and I have attached a document which summarises what it covers.

There is also a webinar which on 11th January at 4.30pm - [Curriculum for Senior Leaders - Webinar Sign up \(ambition.org.uk\)](https://ambition.org.uk) which you could look at if you are interested, or which you could point out to any colleague that you think might benefit from the programme.

I have a catch-up with a contact from the Ambition Institute on Mon 16th January, so if there is any interest in this programme from any of your senior leaders I can explore that with him then. Depending on numbers and what Ambition can offer, we may be able to cover all or part of the costs for schools in the CMAT through central budget.

All I need to know for now is if it is something that you think a colleague would benefit from and that you would be able to support as a school in terms of time and potentially cost.