

Head Teachers' Bulletin – 12th May

Events this week (week beginning 15th May)

Heads' Forum – Tue 16th May 9.30-11.00am – The focus will be follow up from the 'next steps' that emerged from the conference

Events coming up

DSL Network Meetings – Tue 23rd May and Thu 15th June – both 3.30-4.30pm on Teams

Senior Leaders' Meeting – Wed 24th May 1.30pm – 3.30pm

School Improvement Capacity and SEF moderation – Tue 13th June 9.30-11am Pastoral Centre

Actions from this Bulletin

1. **Look out for the information regarding Ark Maths** renewals or new joiners which will come out next week. If you are wishing to renew or are considering joining you will need to respond to the message.

New Updates (since last bulletin)

Heads' Forum

It is the Heads' Forum on Tuesday (16th May) 9.30-11.00am at Our Lady and St Joseph school. I have attached the agenda and supporting documents for reference. These are the same as the ones sent out earlier in the week by Anita, so you can ignore them if you've already seen that email.

During the forum I will share an update on Trust development and as part of that, I will pick up on some of the things that came out of the conference. There will also be some time to return to the work on the charter and the related future of our Heads' forum. I am finalising the draft calendar for Trust events and the draft of next year's governance schedule as well, which I aim to share at the forum for initial feedback.

I will also run through the SEF and SIP forms that we have been discussing and what is needed in preparation for the meeting on 13th June. I have attached copies of the SEF, SIP and School Improvement Capacity forms for reference. Please note that it will only be the summary page of the SEF and the School Improvement Capacity forms that will need to be completed by the meeting on 13th June and there are electronic versions of these forms. I will send the link out to those following the forum.

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Ark Maths

This is a heads up about some communication coming next week.

I have been approached by Ark Maths with regards to renewals for those schools who have been working with the programme this year. In the past this has been through LUTSA and this year was coordinated by Raajini directly after LUTSA was wound up. Now that Raajini is working directly for Ark, the current model is no longer available and Ark have suggested a couple of options, ideally set up as one contract through the CMAT, for those schools who want to renew. Once I have the details of those options I will send them to you. I will share your responses with Ark, who will come back with a finalised proposal for costs, which will be based on the number of schools.

I also agreed to ask if any other schools (whether or not you are in the CMAT) are considering working with Ark next year. There is an EEF subsidised programme available which makes the cost lower for the first two years.

The suggestion is that it would be most cost effective for Ark to have a single contract with St Clare for any schools wishing to renew or any new schools joining the programme. For schools in the Trust we could include the cost within the central charge to you and for schools not in the Trust we would invoice directly.

I need to be clear that St Clare is not promoting this particular programme. We are simply suggesting a pragmatic and hopefully cheaper way either for schools to renew or to join for the first time by coordinating the responses.

Please look out for the information which I will send as soon as I get it and respond as soon as possible.