

Head Teachers' Bulletin – 24th November

Dates for the diary

Senior Leaders' Network – Tue 28th Nov 1.30-3.30pm @ Pastoral Centre

Additional Heads' Forum – Tue 5th Dec 8am-11am @ Pastoral Centre

Actions from this Bulletin

Actions from Previous Bulletins still outstanding for some schools

- **Let Steve know ASAP if you can't make the proposed additional Heads' Forum on Tue 5th Dec**

New Updates (since last bulletin)

Heads' Forum

I have had only one response from a Head who cannot make the proposed additional Heads' Forum on Tue 5th Dec. Please therefore make sure that date is in your diary, with arrival at 8am at the Pastoral Centre. If you can't make it, but haven't got in touch with me, please do so ASAP.

This additional Forum will allow us to make time for one another, as we agreed at the conference. We will also come back to updates on the Heads' report, the data gathering and sharing and the SEND and Inclusion Theory of change.

Please also make sure you have the revised timings for the Heads' Forums in the next two terms in your diaries. They are on the dates originally planned in the Trust calendar, but they are now 8-12 meetings. I have included again for convenience the summary of revised timings at the end of this bulletin.

Senior Leaders' Meeting – Tue 28th Nov 1.30-3.30pm

This is the meeting formally known as the 'Deputies Group' which was expanded to be open to all senior leaders' working in our schools. During the meeting, Fiona will be sharing some of her experience as part of the series of inputs from Heads that we are offering through these meetings. We will then have time for sharing of practice and this will include some time looking at feedback from the subject leader network and the writing mini-conference, while looking ahead to writing moderation next term.

The meeting is at the Pastoral Centre.

Writing Conference

Thank you for enabling your English leads to attend our half day conference on writing. On everyone's behalf, I really want to thank Claire Round, Lauren McKay and Jonathan Lear for planning and running the conference.

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This was done in response to requests and questions that emerged from last year's writing moderation, and I thought the quality of the input and the conversation it provoked was excellent. We have asked participants to respond to evaluation, which includes thinking about next steps as there were some themes that we can definitely do more on together. Themes that emerged included a need to be more accurate further down school in assessment of Greater depth, and work we could do collectively to help support that. There was also really good conversation about what really matters most at each stage in the writing curriculum and the potential for us to work more closely on this.

Please do talk with your English leads about what they got from the conference and about the next steps that they would find helpful in supporting them in their work.

Items from previous bulletins for reference

School Experiences and Internships

Our SCITT has asked us to help their ongoing recruitment by sharing the Twitter link below which invites people to arrange a school experience day at Notre Dame or St Catherine's before Christmas. It also has details about how to apply for the paid internships this summer for maths, physics, chemistry, MFL and computer science (£900 for 3 weeks experience in one of our partner schools this June/July)

<https://x.com/SheffieldSCITT/status/1722266622533284225?s=20>

Heads' Forum – Dates and Times of meetings this academic year

Tuesday 5th Dec 8-11am @ Pastoral Centre - Proposed additional Forum

Dates already in the calendar, but with revised timings:

Tue 30th Jan – 8-12 @ Pastoral Centre

Tue 19th Mar – 8-12 @ Pastoral Centre

Tue 7th May – 8-12 @ Pastoral Centre

Tue 18th June – 8-12 @ Pastoral Centre