

Head Teachers' Bulletin – 2nd Feb

Dates for the diary

- 7th Feb – Subject Leaders' Meetings – 3.45-4.45pm via Teams
- 7th Feb - SBMs Meeting
- 8th Feb – F2/Y1/Y2 writing moderation 2.30 - 4pm
- **20th Feb – Additional Heads' meeting (EYFS and Maths support) 9.30-11.30**
- 22nd Feb – Y3/Y4 writing moderation 2.30 - 4pm
- 28th Feb - SBMs Meeting (inc training on new budget software and overview of process)
- 5th March - Heads and SBMs budget planning meeting - 9.30-12.30 @ Pastoral Centre
- 7th Mar – Y5/Y6 writing moderation 2.30 - 4pm
- 8th Mar – Writing Fundamentals intro session 9-10am @ St Catherines (repeated on 27th)
- 20th Mar – Dyscalculia work group, session 2 – 1.30-4pm @ Pastoral Centre
- 27th Mar - Writing Fundamentals intro session 9-10am @ St Catherines

Actions from previous Bulletin

- **Subject Leader Meetings (7th Feb)** – Primary schools – please make sure that all of your subject leaders have a copy of the information for the next set of virtual meetings
- **Writing Fundamentals:** Building a shared understanding of the fundamental aspects of writing from Y1 to Y6 Introductory session: The introductory session will be run twice to provide flexibility with dates: 8th March 2024: 9am – 10am 27th March 2024: 9am – 10am Sessions are at St Catherine's, please book places [here](#).

New Updates (since last bulletin)

Dyscalculia work group – Wed 31st Jan 1.30-4pm

Thanks to all the staff who attended the work group on Wednesday and to Heads for enabling them to attend. It was great to see such strong engagement across schools in the family and it is exciting to think about the potential for doing something really powerful to address a need that we are learning more about all the time.

Subject Leader Meetings – Wed 7th Feb 3.45-4.45

We have sent the links to these virtual meetings, along with a guide to the discussion to all of the participants that we have contact details for. During the meetings, we welcome feedback from subject leaders on the proposals for next steps in the way we can support them through working together across the Trust. I look forward to their feedback.

Anita will not be available in the office on 7th Feb, but Fiona will be checking in on the meetings. If there are any practical problems on the day, please email Fiona.

Writing Moderation

We are also looking forward to the first of this year's writing moderation events, at All Saints next Thursday, with Early Years, Y1 and Y2 teachers. We sent out information about the event and instructions

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about what to bring earlier in the term. We will send out a reminder with any practical information from All Saints next week.

School Business Managers' Meeting

Adnan will start this year's fortnightly meetings for School Business Managers with a face-to-face meeting on Wednesday 7th February at the Pastoral Centre. The agenda and documents for the meeting have been sent with this bulletin for your information.

Notices

Request from University of Sheffield to trial resources for teaching children about rights and the law

We are looking for schools to work with us at the University of Sheffield on our research project FORTITUDE (<https://sites.google.com/sheffield.ac.uk/fortitude>) which focuses on children and young people's understanding of their rights and the law.

We have developed a game in collaboration with children and young people that can be used in educational settings to teach them about rights and responsibilities.

We are now looking to evaluate it formally in partnership with a wide range of schools across England. A flyer with more information can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3NVaD64> .

We will also be running some online information/Q&A sessions in January and February 2024.

If you would like to find out more or are interested in taking part, please email fortitude@sheffield.ac.uk or you can contact me, Professor Dawn Watkins, directly at d.watkins@sheffield.ac.uk (Tel. 0114 222 6827).