

Head Teachers' Bulletin – 1st March

Dates for the diary

- 5th March - Heads and SBMs budget planning meeting - 9.30-12.30 @ Pastoral Centre
- 7th Mar – Y5/Y6 writing moderation 2.30 - 4pm @ Holy Trinity
- 8th Mar – Writing Fundamentals intro session 9-10am @ St Catherines (repeated on 27th)
- 12th Mar – Senior Leaders' Meeting
- 19th Mar – Heads' Forum
- 20th Mar – Dyscalculia work group, session 2 – 1.30-4pm @ Pastoral Centre
- 22nd Mar – EY/Y1/Y2 writing moderation 2.30 - 4pm @ All Saints
- 27th Mar - Writing Fundamentals intro session 9-10am @ St Catherines

Actions from Bulletin

- Let Anita know which staff can attend the rearranged writing moderation event for Early Years/Y1/Y2

New Updates (since last bulletin)

Writing Moderation – rearranged date for Early Years/Y1/Y2

We have rearranged the Early Years/Y1/Y2 moderation date for Friday 22nd March. It will run from 2.30-4pm and will be held at All Saints.

We understand that this clashes with the RE coordinators meeting and we understand that this means that not every school will be able to release the staff they originally planned to send on this event. We went with this date as, of the dates when leaders were available, this was the best fit overall with schools. Please do make the judgement that works best overall for your school and please do let Anita know which members of staff you are able to send if you haven't already done so.

Budget Meeting – 5th March

You should have received 3 questions from me to help prepare for this meeting next week. As explained in the message with the questions, this is preparation for your use in the meeting. You don't need to share answers with me before the meeting but do please bring your answers with you.

Sandwiches have been ordered for after this meeting.

If you don't think you've received questions, please let Anita know ASAP.

Again, just to remind you that this meeting is for Heads and Business Managers of schools who are already in the Trust only as it is a practical meeting working on budget setting for next year.

Y5/6 Moderation – Practical Details

Anita sent out an email reminder to colleagues who will be attending the writing moderation at Holy Trinity next week. I have included a copy of those details below just to make sure they get to everyone who needs them.

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Delegates to report to the main school entrance. Parking should be available in the main staff carpark or visitor's carpark - usually quite a few spaces free at 2pm. Tea/coffee/bakes will be available prior to the meeting starting.

Headteacher Reports

Thank you so much for your openness and curiosity (both behaviours David Wells would be proud of!) in terms of being willing to share your Spring Term Headteacher reports. Anita will send a link to the shared folder in a separate email.

Maths Support

Please see attached a summary of the current engagement of Trust Schools with the funded Maths Hub Teaching for Mastery programme that Vicki has put together. She has also outlined some sensible next steps to consider for 2024/25 for each school depending on their current involvement. There is also a list of direct links to more information about the programmes. If you haven't yet booked a visit from Vicki, I would encourage you to do so: vjlewis@symathshub.org.uk.

Maths Hub Y5-8 Workgroups

The final follow-up in relation to Maths Hub support was a reminder about the potential of applying to the NCETM to run one or more funded Y5-8 work groups between groups of schools (facilitated by colleagues from within the Trust). Because we have Vicki, we would also be able to enhance the resource that goes into these workgroups. In order to move forward on this could I ask in the first instance that **secondary heads** ask their Maths Leads to identify aspects of the KS3 Maths curriculum where they feel that curriculum continuity is weak moving from the primary to the secondary phase. We will then share these with the respective feeder primaries (this seems to be the most sensible school grouping to explore) and if we can agree consensus on useful areas of development, we can make this the focus of one or more Y5-8 workgroups for schools that want to be involved.

Heads' Forum – 19th March

Looking ahead to the Heads' Forum on 19th March, our agenda will cover updates on Headteachers reports and some feedback on points of interest from the ones submitted earlier this term. I will also update you on some related work that has been going on to support LAC meetings, updating agendas and deadlines to reflect the way we're now working and also clarifying who needs to do what and when. Finally, we will also share updates on the School Improvement Strategy and any general updates.

SEND Audits

Fiona and Emma have produced a template timetable which you may like to use for your audit. This was shared with your SENDCO this week. The timetable is attached with this bulletin.

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Notices

St Ann's School Anniversary

On Thursday 7th March, please hold up St Ann's school community in prayer and thanksgiving as they celebrate their 50th Anniversary mass together. We hope that it is a wonderful occasion.

Mathematical Reasoning Training at St Mary's

This is advanced notice that St Mary's plan to book Gareth Metcalf for training on Maths Reasoning for Monday 24th Feb 2025. This will be open to other schools in the Trust, so please do let us know if you would like to send anyone.

Hallam Bridge

The latest issue of the Hallam Bridge is attached with the bulletin this week. You can subscribe to receive this [here](#).