

## Head Teachers' Bulletin – 28<sup>th</sup> February

### Upcoming Events

- 6<sup>th</sup> Mar DSL Network meeting online
- 12<sup>th</sup> Mar DT Subject Immersion day @ St Catherine's
- 13<sup>th</sup> Mar Y5/6 Writing Moderation 2.30pm @ Pastoral Centre
- 14<sup>th</sup> Mar MFL Subject immersion day @Emmaus
- 17<sup>th</sup> Mar SEND network meeting 2pm @St Catherine's
- 18<sup>th</sup> Mar Heads' Forum 8am @Pastoral Centre
- 19<sup>th</sup> Mar PE Subject Immersion day @ St Marie's
- 21<sup>st</sup> Mar Aspiring Leader Programme Day One 9.30 @ Pastoral Centre
- 24<sup>th</sup> Mar TA SEND training part two 1pm @ St Catherine's

### Actions from this bulletin

Actions from previous bulletin

**Writing Moderation** – If you haven't completed the form to let us know who is coming from your school, please do so as soon as possible at this link

### New Updates (since last bulletin)

#### Heads' Meetings

Secondary Heads' Briefing – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 9.30-10.00am

Primary Heads' Briefing – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 9.30-10.00am

A lot has happened across schools in our family over the past 6 months that has required us to shift priorities and plans. Support and response from schools across our family has been wonderful.

In the light of the rapid change we want to run two separate meetings, one for secondary heads on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March and one for primary Heads on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March to check in on where we are and particularly look at ongoing support that will be needed as we look to the future. We will also be proposing that we

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make these kinds of shorter Teams meetings a fortnightly feature, to help keep everyone up to date and coordinate collective work.

I apologise for the short notice in putting these meetings in, but we did not want to delay getting people together.

### DSL Network – Thus 6<sup>th</sup> March 4-5pm on Teams

Members of the DSL network will already have received a link to the agenda for the next network meeting on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March. This meeting will be on our regular agenda, with an update on actions since the last meeting and with an opportunity for DSLs to share questions, or examples of good practice and things for us to consider for the future.

### Due Diligence visits

Adnan and I have booked in meetings over the coming weeks with schools in our family who are not yet in the Trust to continue the work of gathering the information that we need to support an application to the DfE. The meetings provide an opportunity for us to pick up questions and priorities from each school about the next steps, which will in turn inform planning for a programme of onboarding hopefully across next academic year.

Thank you for making the time for these meetings and also for making the time for Eddison's to come out to do the condition surveys which are part of the process.

### Cambridge Science

St Catherine's staff have been working with the Cambridge Science Centre to design a science day for upper KS2 pupils. Cambridge Science Centre have additional capacity, please see the attached flyer for more details.

### Sheffield SENDAP Inspection

We have received notification that Sheffield is now in an Area SENDAP Inspection Period. The inspection commences **3<sup>rd</sup> March** and will last for 3 weeks, until **21<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

The Inspection will be carried out by 9 inspectors across Ofsted, Care Quality Commission and Social Care. This is a time to show the inspection team the vision we have, the progress we have made and demonstrate the impact we are having for children, young people and their families.

The purpose of the inspection is to provide an independent, external evaluation of the effectiveness of the local area partnership's arrangements for children and young people with SEND and those accessing Alternative Provision.

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Colleagues across the SEND and AP Partnership will work closely together to ensure inspectors have everything they need.

Please see the attached guide to share with your team to ensure everyone is prepared and understands what will take place over the next 3 weeks. We are asked that their teams prioritise inspection-related work if they are contacted.

### Early Years Network Catch-up

For Early Years network members who were unable to attend the catch-up session on 6<sup>th</sup> February, Emma scheduled in two further dates so that she is able to catch as many people as possible.

The sessions are listed below with links to the online meeting for each.

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 3.30 – 4

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 9-9.30

### SEND Network meeting

The SEND network that was postponed on 10<sup>th</sup> February has been rearranged to Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm. This will be at St Catherine's. The agenda will be:

Review Action Plan

Feedback from QFT group

Setting a Trust Vision for SEND

Members of the network are reminded to send us their school's vision for SEND

### Shared Services HR Team

Michael Judd joins Alison and Steven on our HR team from 3<sup>rd</sup> March. An updated contact list, and an updated list of which advisor is the point of contact for which school has been circulated via School Business Managers.

## **Items from previous bulletin for reference**

### Heading into the half term break

As many of you and your colleagues will be heading into a break, I want to wish you a really good rest and thank you for your tremendous work and support over this half term.

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Of course, Harvey Willgoose, his family and the community at All Saints are at the forefront of our minds as we come to the end of this half term. I ask for your continued prayers for Harvey's family and friends as they gather for his funeral over the half term break. I thank you on behalf of Sean and all his colleagues at All Saints for your support and prayers over the last two weeks.

### KS1-KS2 Progress Figures

If Primary Heads would like an estimate of their KS1 to KS2 progress figures for 23/24 please let Anita know.

### Writing Assessment Trackers

Jonathan has slightly amended the Y1-Y4 writing trackers, and added one for Y5. People with existing access can see these [here](#).

If your teachers do not have access, Anita can help with this.

### Read Write Inc Training

One of our schools needs 2 places on RWI training. If you have training booked in before summer and have space, please let Anita know.