

## Head Teachers' Bulletin – 14<sup>th</sup> March

### Upcoming Events

- 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

Let us know who will attend the PE subject Immersion day at St Maries on 19<sup>th</sup> March.

Let us know who will attend the TA training at St Catherine's on 24<sup>th</sup> March.

#### Actions from previous bulletin

Complete the F2 applications information on the spreadsheet and return to Anita.

### New Updates (since last bulletin)

#### P.E Subject Immersion day

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March St Marie's (S10 3DQ) 9.30 to 2.30

An outline of the day is attached. The staff car park is very small so please park on the surrounding roads or at the Florentine on Fulwood Road.

Teas/coffees/biscuits will be available throughout the day, but attendees will need to bring their own packed lunch.

Please let us know who will be attending from your school [here](#)

#### Letters for Parents to send to the Home Office

We have been advised by the Trust Solicitors, Winckworth Sherwood, that schools should not write letters for parents to use as evidence of a right to remain in the country. The solicitors say that unless contacted directly by the Home Office, this is not something we should become involved in.

#### Read Write Inc Training

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St Alban's has a member of staff who needs RWI refresher training, and Our Lady and St Joseph's school needs 2 places on RWI training. If you have training booked in before summer and have space, please let Anita know.

### Training for primary and secondary TAs.

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March, St Catherine's Primary School

- Building relationships with pupils
- Behaviour and de-escalation
- Introduction to autism and ADHD
- Timings:
  - 1:00 welcome/registration
  - 1:15 start
  - 2:45 break (15 mins)
  - 4:30 finish

This is the second part of the Fusion 'SEND and the Role of the TA training' (the first part was on 24<sup>th</sup> Feb, the shared inset day) but you do not need to have attended the first part to attend this session.

Please let Anita know here who will be attending from your school, (or if nobody will attend)

### Inset day

A reminder that it was agreed by Heads to always have the first Monday after February half-term as a Trust-wide inset day so a whole-trust programme can be planned for that day.

### Term dates 2026-27

Please let Steve know as soon as possible if you plan to set term dates in line with the proposal (attached for your convenience). If there is any difference that you expect to be appropriate for your school community, please highlight this.

## Items from previous bulletin for reference

### Subject Immersion Days

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March - DT subject Immersion day at St Catherine's (S4 7BX) 9.15 to 12.30 pm

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March – MFL Subject Immersion day at Emmaus (S2 5FT) 9.15 to 2.30

Please complete the short form here to let us know who will be attending from your school.

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### Safer Recruitment

Louise has been in touch to say that they are running Safer Recruitment training at Our Lady and St Joseph's Wath (S63 7HG on) on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March. There may be up to 6 places available at a cost of £125 per delegate. Please let Anita know if you would like places/ a place.

### Save the Date (Heads) – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July

We have another opportunity to work with Jes on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July, building on work from previous sessions he has led with us. We need to confirm details, but for now ask you to save the date. We would plan for a session in the morning as we have done before.

### F2 Applications

We would like to get a clearer picture of F2 applications across the Trust. Please would Heads and Business Managers complete the spreadsheet attached with this bulletin and return it to Anita. Please note that we expect you may need to tweak the spreadsheet slightly as not all schools categories are exactly the same.

### Financial Planning Assumptions 2025/26

As in previously years, we will be producing two versions of this document, the first (enclosed) will focus on core elements of funding and assumptions in regard to pay settlement offers for the fiscal and academic year 2025/26 onwards. The second version will provide an update on funding as well as addressing areas of non-pay, central charge and capital expenditure. We have also included a Budget Forecast Return (BFR) Preparation Timetable this year to provide you with clear line of sight in regard to the programme and key delivery dates, details regarding key dates were shared with SBM in early February. A detailed briefing will be provided to SBM during next week's scheduled fortnightly meeting.

### 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

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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