

## Head Teachers' Bulletin – 7<sup>th</sup> March

### Upcoming Events

- 11<sup>th</sup> Mar Senior Leader network 1.30pm @Pastoral Centre
- 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

Let us know who from your school is attending the DT and MFL Subject Immersion days on the [short form here](#)

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

### New Updates (since last bulletin)

#### 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.

#### 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.

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### 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.

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

### Heads' Meetings

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

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 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.

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### 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.

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

### 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

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### 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.

### 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.