

Romans 15 v13

‘May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.’

Dear Colleagues

I am very aware that you are now reaching one of the busiest parts of your school year. I hope that all the events you have planned for the next few weeks go well and that this is a genuinely happy time for your school community. I will write to you before the end of term but thank you for all you are currently doing to give your children the very best opportunities they could possibly have. I hope to see many of you over the next couple of weeks at our Year 6 Leavers’ Celebrations. I am hoping to get to the majority of them to enjoy this special time with each of you.

[Summer Diocesan Briefing](#)

There are two events I would like to make you aware of. The first is that we will be holding an online Diocesan Briefing on Tuesday 12 July 2022 at 16:30. This briefing will not be long but it gives us a chance to round off the year and update you with any key information that we feel will be important for you to know. The Autumn and Spring briefings were very well attended and it would be nice to have the chance to end the year together. [Eventbrite booking here](#)

[Academies Road Show](#)

I would also like to ask you to put an important date in your diary for the Autumn term. On 30th November we are planning our own **Academies Roadshow**. This is going to take place during the afternoon at the Amex Stadium. We have chosen this venue deliberately as being one of the more accessible places in the diocese as we hope to attract schools from across our area. The event is organised by our Strategic Partnership of Diocesan MATs and the purpose of this meeting is to help you become more familiar with the process of becoming an academy and address some of the questions you might wish to consider. This is not a sales pitch but rather an information sharing event. Our church majority trust CEOs will be answering a series of key questions working within the spirit of partnership our Trusts are seeking to develop. We hope that this will be a valuable opportunity for you. Further details will come out in September including the booking process but at this point we would be looking to offer a place for your headteacher and nominated governor. We also hope to be joined by a team from the Regional Schools Commission to give you a continuing sense of the broader picture. As I stated earlier the formal details will be sent to you very early in the Autumn term and we hope to be joined by as many of you as possible.

[SEO Officer](#)

You may have seen elsewhere in the newsletter that we are looking for a new Schools Effectiveness Officer. The closing date for this is 3 July. This is a crucial role and will be taking on some of the work Cathy Slow currently does as she reduces her hours next year. The work will largely be based on the Eastern side of the Diocese so anyone who applies would need to be prepared to travel in that direction. The work is very varied and it is both demanding and rewarding. We are looking for a special person who is not only skilled in issues of school improvement but will also work in a caring, pastoral way with our school leaders. We are very happy to talk further about the nature of this post and if you would like more details do contact [Ruth Cumming](#) or [me](#) (phone 01273 425687) and we would be happy to talk things through with you.

This is the last E-news that will involve both Yasmin Heasman and Vanessa Vollebregt. Both are retiring in July after long years of loyal, capable and loving service within the diocese. We are going to miss them both greatly and all they have brought to our team. Many of you will have had extensive dealings with them in recent years and I am sure you join me in wishing them the very best in this new adventure in their lives. A new member of the team is in the process of being recruited and we will share details with you in due course but in the meantime, thank you Yasmin and Vanessa

I send you my very best wishes for the exciting but busy time ahead. Please do look after yourselves as a lot is demanded of you as headteachers and governors at this time of year.

With best wishes

Trevor Cristin
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