

**Director: Mr Trevor Cristin**

Dear Colleagues,

I am fully aware that as I write this you will be approaching some of the busiest weeks of the school year. I very much hope that these are rewarding times for you all that will provide special lifelong memories for your children and their families. I do, however, remember how tiring and stressful these periods can be so I will be praying for you all and that your energy will be maintained and this will be a time of joy.

The main point I would like to raise with you this month is to remind you of our Headteachers' Conference on 3 March 2023 at Ashdown Park Hotel & Country Club, Forest Row, RH18 5JR. The theme of our conference is 'Leading as Christians in Today's Educational Context' and we are looking forward to welcoming:

- Baroness Morris of Yardley (Estelle Morris - former Secretary of State for Education and Skills)
- Laura McInerney (Education journalist and co-founder of Teacher Tapp)
- Nigel Genders (Chief Education Officer for the National Society)
- Paul Kerensa (TV script writer and comedian).

Whilst we are very confident that the content will be stimulating and will help to equip you in your lives as school leaders, we also feel that the occasion is invaluable as a time of fellowship and support from colleagues. The cost is £125 for schools that are Partnership Agreement members 2022/23 and £175 for schools that are not, but we hope that you will find that the content and venue is excellent value for money.

We would urge you to book early so that we can ensure the arrangements run as smoothly and effectively for you all as possible. You can book via the following link

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/diocese-of-chichester-headteachers-conference-tickets-428604787457>

We greatly value the opportunity to bring our headteachers together at occasions like this and look forward to seeing you there.

As I said I am aware how demanding this period is, so please ensure you take care of yourselves and grab whatever opportunities for rest and recovery that are available

With best wishes

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