

Director: Mr Trevor Cristin

November 2022

Dear Colleagues;

I hope you all had a restful half term and have come back to school with a sense of restoration. As ever, a busy but exciting half term lies ahead.

It was encouraging to see so many of you at our Autumn Term Briefing. If you missed it, a recording can be accessed on

https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/irwFxdGr8TWdFmz6YBd4SdaG2kS0NH4akSS_RtBGscCPVmFnis3CI0yoIJGSHuD5.-lu3Tlr5V2GP-2C7

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We were very grateful to three of our Headteachers (Sam, Mark and Noel) who talked about their recent inspection experiences and you may want to catch up with that or the information shared by our team at your leisure.

I will keep this bulletin brief as I just want to take the opportunity to remind you of several key events that are happening:

1. Academy Roadshow

I hope you have received the information sheet from the Strategic Partnership of Diocesan MATs. This is designed to offer you key information more than “sell” our MATs. That is the spirit that we work in and I hope that will be very evident at our Academy Roadshow. This is scheduled for **Tuesday 29th November 2022** at the Amex Stadium, Brighton between 1:30pm and 5:00pm. Whilst there is some uncertainty linked to the progress of the Schools Bill, this does not affect our Academy Policy as it stands. At the event we will continue to share all the information we hope that you will need to engage with the offer that exists within the Diocese of Chichester and our Church Majority MATs.

Your final chance to book places is found via this link.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/diocese-of-chichester-academies-roadshow-tickets-415313101667>

2. Headteachers Conference

This takes place on **Friday 3rd March 2023** at the Ashdown Park Hotel, Forest Row. Our theme this year 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).*

We will also enjoy input from some of our colleagues as they comment on the theme.

Bookings are now open on **Eventbrite** for this event and can be accessed via this link

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

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3. Welcome

I would like to offer a very warm welcome to Alex Wingham who takes up his post of School Effectiveness Officer next week. Alex has been the Headteacher of St Martin's CE Primary School in Brighton and Hove since September 2015 and he brings a wide range of skills and experience to the role. He will be working with us for two days a week and his time will be largely deployed in the eastern area of the diocese.

4. Year 6 Leavers' Celebrations 2023

Planning for the Year 6 Leavers' Celebrations 2023 is under way and all our primary and junior schools have been invited to attend. Many have already responded with their preference of service, and we would encourage all schools to respond quickly so that we can ensure there is enough room to invite the increasing number of friends and families who may wish to come and support their children at this special event. If you need further information, please contact us at leavers@chichester.anglican.org

As ever, please do not hesitate to contact us if there is anything you need.

With best wishes.

Trevor Cristin