

Director: Mr Trevor Cristin

Dear Colleagues

I'd like to wish you all a very Happy New Year as we welcome you back for the Spring term. This term tends to be quite a short but intense time and I am more than aware of the number of unpleasant viruses and illnesses that are circulating around our schools at this point. Several members of our team have also been affected but we are hoping that their recovery will be full and rapid. Do take care of yourselves at this time because you are such a precious resource as school leaders. There is often too much pressure to continue when rest and recovery might be the best strategy.

There are several events I would like to highlight for you. We will be holding our termly Diocesan Briefing on 7 February at 4.30pm on zoom. You can register your interest by following this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/chichester-diocesan-education-spring-briefing-tickets-503377735357>

The joining instructions will be sent to you in the week prior to the briefing. As ever, we would expect this briefing to last under an hour and it will cover the usual ground that our department works with. This will include

- OFSTED updates
- Land & Buildings updates
- General events
- Governorship issues

This time we will have an additional feature on SIAMS inspections using headteachers who have enjoyed recent success in the process. Please do join us on **7 February** for that event.

I would like to remind you of our Headteachers' Conference on **Friday 3 March**. Our numbers are pleasing but there are still a few places left. I would urge you to consider joining us for what will be a stimulating, rewarding and refreshing day. You can book your place using the following link:

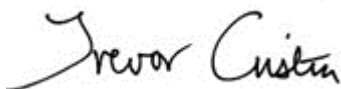
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/diocese-of-chichester-headteachers-conference-tickets-428604787457>

We will have to close our bookings on Thursday 16 February so please do not miss this opportunity to join us for that occasion.

I hope your term has started well. It won't be long until the days become a little longer and the weather a little warmer. In the meantime, please do take care of yourselves, your staff, your children and their families. We continue to pray for you each day.

Best wishes

Your sincerely;



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