

Director: Mr Trevor Cristin

Dear Colleagues

I am writing to you soon after our annual Headteachers' Conference. It was lovely to see so many of you there and I think that was probably our biggest attendance for some time. Occasions like this are valuable in terms of their professional input but it is just as important for us to take the opportunity to come together and be together. As a diocese we are always looking to create bonds of friendship and support to help you through the challenges of your role.

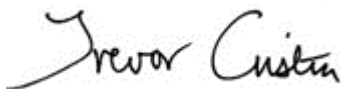
As we head towards the summer term, we have another opportunity to come together as a family of schools at our Leavers' Celebrations. The organization for this is now well advanced but it is not too late to request places at some of our venues. If you have not already booked to come (and around 130 already have!) then please contact Suzanne Dillingham as soon as possible. Leavers' services are a great opportunity to be part of the wider family and give a sense to the children of their belonging to the church family. I look forward to seeing so many of you during those weeks. In addition, we are likely to be holding a summer briefing and I will inform you of the date of that soon. The summer briefing is always an opportunity to reflect and offer our thanks at the end of the year for all the work that you have done.

We continue to uphold you in our prayers at this time as we approach another period of industrial unrest. We are acutely aware of the challenge this poses school leaders as you try to balance the needs of your children and families with those of your staff. It is easy at times like this, when emotions are high, for division to creep into schools and we are praying that you will know God's peace and have a clarity of mind in all the conversations you have. Please remember we are here to support you- if you need to share the burden, please do not hesitate to call your SEO or contact our office.

I will be writing to you as we come to the end of term but in the meantime, please be assured of our ongoing gratitude and support for all you are doing to enable your children to flourish and thrive.

With very best wishes

Yours sincerely;

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Trevor Cristin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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