

**Director: Mr Trevor Cristin**

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome Back!! I hope you have had a good break and that this enews finds you energised and enthusiastic for the term ahead. September often feels like a time of new beginnings, and I hope you are able to benefit from that sense of freshness. From our viewpoint, I would like to point towards the words of St Paul in Thessalonians:

**We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith,  
your labour prompted by love,  
and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.**

We are so thankful for all that you offer and give to those around you. As ever, you are very much in our prayers but please keep in mind that we are here to support and sustain you as best we can as individual people as well as your school community.

I would like to congratulate all our secondary school colleagues for everything they have achieved with their young people in the recent exam period. We celebrate the many successes of our young people, but we pray for those who may face uncertainty and challenging decisions in the coming weeks. Thank you to all those colleagues who have worked so hard for those in their care.

There are a series of reminders I would like to highlight:

### **NPQ Opportunities**

Last term, I wrote to you about the NPQ opportunities, and we are particularly excited by the NPQ Small project that is available for schools under 150. This is an opportunity to complete the NPQ training units in an innovative way and the financial support coming from the DfE to enable you to engage may not last for a long time. You can also access NPQs through our delivery partners at Bishop Luffa and Aquinas Trust and we are aware that BOAT will be working in partnership to deliver some training in the centre of the diocese too.

Further information appears elsewhere in this enews but the suite of courses include:

- NPQH for aspiring Heads
- NPQSL for aspiring senior leaders with cross-school responsibilities
- NPQLBC for those aspiring to lead behaviour and pupil well-being support.
- NPQLTD for those aspiring to lead the development of other teachers in the school.
- NPQLT for those aspiring to have responsibilities for leading teaching in a subject.

The ability to engage with this training offer has been extended considerably in our area and I am writing to encourage you to have a look at what is on offer. If you want to find out more, follow these links to

- [short video for headteachers explaining NPQsmall](#)

## **Learning with meaning and purpose: to know God and shape the world**

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or join a Zoom session for staff to find out more

- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September – 4pm - <https://churchofengland-org.zoom.us/j/93495757944?pwd=Q1h3MTd3N09lRjZUb3JpT1gvV3RPZz09>
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September – 4pm - <https://churchofengland-org.zoom.us/j/95099924190?pwd=YVVqUEExYVVgVbkj6TU15QVVLQzZYQT09>
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September – 4pm - <https://churchofengland-org.zoom.us/j/93573205139?pwd=S3lEeDZURGtrZzRWY0pJeHoxWnNIQT09>
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You can also contact us and we can help further. In order to assist the delivery partners, we would very much appreciate you letting us know if you are signing up for any courses. We have reserved a block of bookings to ensure that places are readily available for schools in our diocese, and this would just help the organisers to plan more effectively.

### **Headteacher Performance Management**

We are booking events and commitments into our diaries for coming term and we would like to know whether you were considering using the Diocese to support your governors for your HT PM next year.

If you do want to book a date – please feel free to contact your SEO, or Ruth Cumming with your choice of adviser and a couple of suggestions for dates. The cost is the same as the last few years:

- Partnership Agreement Schools - £350,
- Non-paying PA - £400
- Small PA schools (less than 150 pupils) - £250.

We now support a wide range of our schools in this service, and it offers us all the chance to work in close partnership as key plans for the year are formulated within your schools.

### **Ride and Stride**

The Annual [Ride & Stride](#) is a fun day for everyone to explore some of Sussex's unique historic buildings, raise money for the church or chapel of your choice as well as for the Sussex Historic Churches Trust. Do explore the link within the bulletin if this would be of interest to you.

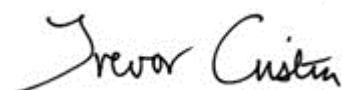
### **Education Sunday**

Many Churches will mark Education Sunday on 10th of September. Churches Together in England produce resources to help Churches. The theme for 2023 is "The Armour of Light". Some Sermon Notes have been written by our own Governance Officer, Mike Simmonds and he has recorded a special episode on the Governance Podcast of that sermon. If this is of interest to you, your Governors or your linked clergy then follow this [link](#)

All other resources are available from: <https://cte.org.uk/educationsunday2023/>

I hope the start of term is a time a joy and excitement for your communities- you remain strongly in our prayers.

Your sincerely,



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