

Director: Mr Trevor Cristin

Dear Colleagues,

I hope you all had a restful half term break 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 recently. We received updates on SIAMS & Ofsted including a conversation with Anna Wells (Headteacher at Nyewood CE Infants) and her Vice Chair, Ian Usher discussing their recent experience of Ofsted inspection. Carol Meakins (Headteacher at St Andrews' CE Infants) briefed us on their school's experience of the process of becoming an academy. We also had our regular governance and land & building updates. The next briefing will be on 21 February 2024 and you can register by following this [link](#).

I want to take the opportunity to remind you of some key events that are happening:

Headteachers Conference

This will take place on **Friday 15th March 2024** at the Ashdown Park Hotel, Forest Row. Our theme this year will be 'Growing Unity' and speakers confirmed so far are:

- **The Bishop of Horsham, Rt Revd Ruth Bushyager** who worked as an International Policy Advisor in the Cabinet Office in Whitehall, before reading Theology at Oxford and training for ordained ministry.
- **Dr Krish Kandiah** is the founder of The Sanctuary Foundation which is a charity supporting refugees to find welcome, work and worthwhile housing in the UK. He is recognised as an expert in refugee resettlement, child welfare reform, educational innovation and civil society mobilisation

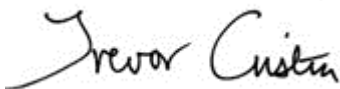
We will also enjoy input from some of our colleagues as they comment on the theme. Please put the date in your diary. We are mindful of the pressures on budgets and have kept the ticket prices at 2023 levels. Bookings will be open via our Eventbrite page shortly.

Year 6 Leavers' Services 2024

Invitations to our schools have been sent out for Year 6 Leavers' Services 2024 and the majority of our primary and junior schools have already completed their booking forms. Planning is well under way and we are looking forward to seeing an increasing number of our schools, together with friends and families who may wish to come and support their children at this special event – over 1600 joined us at the 14 services last summer. If you have any questions at this stage, 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.



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