

**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. I know the weather has been bleak, but this term does see the gradual progression towards Spring and the longer days of daylight and warmer temperatures. Do take care of yourselves at this time because you are such a precious resource as school leaders. As ever, there is a lot happening and you are in the forefront of things and we are hugely aware of both the challenges and joys that come with that.

There are several events I would like to highlight for you. We will be holding our termly Diocesan Briefing on 28th February at 4.30pm on zoom (please note new date). You can register your interest by following this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/709411317347?aff=oddtcreator>

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
- Governance issues
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I would like to remind you of our Headteachers' Conference on **Friday 15th March**. I am pleased to inform you that we are now expecting Gillian Keegan, the Secretary of State for Education, to come and speak to us. Obviously guests like this can get called away at short notice but we are very pleased that she has signalled her intention. We will not be offering a Question and Answer section as her time is tight but we look forward to welcoming her as a group of Christian school leaders. 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:

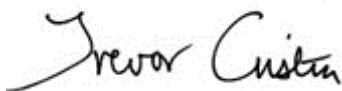
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/749766711417?aff=oddtcreator>

We will have to close our bookings on Friday 23rd February so please do not miss this opportunity to join us for that occasion.

I hope your term has started well. I know a number of you have already had meetings with members of our team but pleased be assured that we continue to pray for you and your communities.

Best wishes

Your sincerely;



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