

**Director: Mr Trevor Cristin**

Dear Colleague,

Very often these shorter half terms can bring a heightened sense of pressure. There is generally the same amount of work to do but the timeframe is so much shorter. The pace of life seems to be very rapid, and our team is certainly very busy at the moment. The intelligence we are hearing from you is that it is very much the same in schools and life is very hectic. Thank you for all you continue to do - your skills, leadership and commitment are so valued and essential. Please do look after yourselves - we are here to do anything we can.

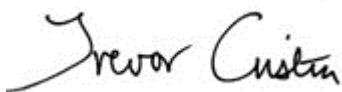
It was lovely to see so many of you at the Diocesan briefing last week. It is a genuine encouragement for us to have such large numbers and we hope that the information shared was valuable. Just as important, however, is the sense of family that such meetings can provide. Thank you for your support.

Our Headteachers Conference is fast approaching. This takes place on 15 March at the Ashdown Park Hotel, and we will be welcoming The Rt Revd Ruth Bushyager Bishop of Horsham, Dr Krish Kandiah, Andy Wolfe and Rt Hon Gillian Keegan MP. Bookings are now closed. However, occasionally there are last minute cancellations so do contact us if you have a late urge to be join us.

I would also like to take this opportunity to update you on the key proceedings relating to the recruitment of my successor. The advert will go live on the 8<sup>th</sup> March and will be shared widely including on our own Diocesan website. The closing date will be the 31<sup>st</sup> March and we hope that interviews will take place on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> April.

I will be in contact again before the end of term, but in the meantime, enjoy the term.

Best wishes



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