



LDBS SCHOOLS BULLETIN

June 2009

Website: www.london.anglican.org/schools

FROM THE DIRECTORS

The summer holidays are fast approaching and we wish to thank you and all your colleagues for the tremendous effort you have put in during the past year to encourage and develop more than 48,000 pupils.

The population of London is growing and many schools are experiencing unprecedented demand. We are seizing every opportunity to expand schools and plans are coming to fruition in Camden, Enfield and Hammersmith & Fulham at the Primary Level.

St Marylebone School for Girls and St Augustine's High School are expanding and our Academies are oversubscribed as they build up to their planned capacity over the next five years.

Please take time to read this newsletter - there is important information on every page.

The next meeting of the trustees is on 14th July and we hope that an announcement will be made about a successor to Tom Peryer.

We wish you a relaxing and peaceful summer.

Inigo Woolf
Director, Finance & Resources

Elizabeth Wolverson
Director, Schools Support Services

WELCOME TO.....

Kate Hulme	Deputy Headteacher	Christ Church, NW3	Camden
Judith Alexander	Deputy Headteacher	Holy Trinity, NW3	Camden
Lucy Minshull	Assistant Principal	Chelsea Academy	Kensington & Chelsea

LDBS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Challenge of Headship

We are again running our highly successful school leadership course aimed at Headteachers, Deputy and Assistant Heads in C of E Schools. The course takes six days spread over the Autumn term 2009 and Spring term 2010. A flyer and sign-up form is enclosed. If you have any queries, please contact Graham Marriner on 020 7932 1155 or graham.marriner@london.anglican.org

Preparation for Senior Leadership

This equally successful course is aimed at Deputy and Assistant Heads and Senior Managers in LDBS schools, and those who aspire to such positions. The course is firmly rooted in school experience and many existing Heads and Deputies in LDBS schools have taken part in the past. Again, it runs over 6 days in the Autumn and Spring terms. A flyer and sign-up form is enclosed, if you have any queries please contact Graham Marriner on 020 7932 1155 or graham.marriner@london.anglican.org

NEW COURSE - Early Leaders

This new course is aimed at those who are beginning to look at a leadership position, and are interested to learn about what is involved. It will run over two days in the Autumn and Spring terms, and will be held here at Causton Street. A flyer and sign-up form is enclosed, if you have any queries please contact Graham Marriner on 020 7932 1155 or graham.marriner@london.anglican.org

New OFSTED Framework

In response to the many queries that we have received about the new OFSTED framework, we are running a training session on the 14th July to address the main points and critical issues that may affect LDBS schools. A flyer is included in this mailing. If you would like further information, please call Leanne Gowar on 020 7932 1159 or email: leanne.gowar@london.anglican.org

RE, COLLECTIVE WORSHIP AND SMSC

Godly Play Introductory Course

Following on from the success of previous Godly Play courses, a new introductory Godly Play course will be held in the Autumn Term, for Primary School teachers. The cost of the course is £30. A flyer is included in this mailing. If you would like further information, please call Leanne Gowar on 020 7932 1159 or email: leanne.gowar@london.anglican.org

Godly Play Development Course

The course is for Primary teachers who have attended the introductory Godly Play course and would like to deepen this understanding with a development course on the 11th March 2010. This will provide the opportunity to extend and develop story telling skills and to look in greater depth at the other elements of Godly Play practice. The cost of the course is £30. A flyer is included in this mailing. If you would like further information, please call Leanne Gowar on 020 7932 1159 or email: leanne.gowar@london.anglican.org

Christian Aid

In Christian Aid week, the charity launched *Global Explorers* a new interactive whiteboard resource for Key Stage 2. It features a spinning globe, photo case studies from around the world, quizzes and downloadable worksheets, and is a free online resource for RE, Geography and PSHCE! For more information please follow the link <http://learn.christianaid.org.uk/globalexplorerswhiteboard/index.html>

LDBS Policy on Relationship and Sex Education

Please find enclosed the new LDBS policy document on relationships and sex education. This policy document includes information on Governors' responsibilities as well as an educational framework.

National Society Christian Values Website

This is a new resource launched in May by the National Society to support schools in developing a distinctive Christian learning environment while improving the educational experience. The web based resource contains information on the 15 values the National Society believes are important both in education and life, and features videos, lesson plans and other downloadable resources. To access these resources and to visit the website visit <http://www.christianvalues4schools.co.uk>

GOVERNORS & GOVERNANCE

Governing Body Minutes

Please either send your governing body minutes directly to Leanne Gowar here at Causton Street or email them to leanne.gowar@london.anglican.org

Autumn Governor Support Training Programme

Enclosed is the Autumn 2009 programme and application form. We have also listed on the website: <http://schools.london.anglican.org/Calendar/calendar-courses.htm> the dates that have been booked for the Spring 2010 and Summer 2010 terms; some courses are listed but a couple of dates still need the content confirmed.

Hire of School Premises

The LDBS has recently revised its 'Hire of School Premises' booklet and booking form. This booklet is included in the Chair of Governors mailing for schools that have bought into the LDBS Core Services Scheme. Further copies of the form can be obtained from the LDBS website by following the link <http://schools.london.anglican.org/publications.htm>

PERSONNEL MATTERS

Overseas Teachers Registration - Sponsorship under the new Home Office Points Based System (PBS)

We mentioned in our previous bulletin that the LDBS is now registered with the Home Office as an accredited sponsor, due to the uncertainty surrounding which local authorities were including Voluntary Aided schools and which were not, in their teacher sponsorship arrangements. The situation regarding immigration rules has changed, and currently only jobs on the "shortage occupation" list will be granted sponsorship, currently Secondary School English and Maths teachers. For other positions the Headteacher has to demonstrate that they have advertised comprehensively and nationally, and could not find a UK trained teacher or a teacher from the EU.

If you have any questions about the current situation or about the sponsorship arrangements in general, please contact Pat Regan on 07930 319437 or 020 7932 1162 or pat.regan@london.anglican.org.

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

LDBS ADVERTS Website

The adverts website (<http://www.ldbsadverts.co.uk/>) was launched last year and we are pleased to see that many of our schools are taking advantage of the discounted TES rate which is offered as well as a variety of LDBS branded designs. You can still get the TES discount if you do not want to use our designs and would like to place your own advertisement – please give Mitch a ring for more details of this. Current LDBS schools received a flyer during the May 2008 half term break which contained login details (on the reverse side). If you have lost your login details, please contact Mitch on 020 7932 1160 or email: mitch.gallacher@london.anglican.org

NQT Pool

Following another successful recruitment drive, a significant number of Newly Qualified Teachers have applied to the LDBS pool, both **Secondary** and **Primary**. The primary NQTs have already been interviewed and a significant number accepted. If you know that you need an NQT for September, it might be worth giving Pat Regan a call on Mob: 07930 319437 or 0207 932 1162 email: pat.regan@london.anglican.org.

This service is free to schools that have paid into the Recruitment and Retention Service Level Agreement.

BUILDING ON HISTORY

'Building on History: The Church in London' is a project aiming to disseminate fascinating insights into the history of the Church of England in the Diocese of London. It is a Knowledge Transfer partnership project, funded by a £234,000 Arts and Humanities Research Council grant. It is amongst the first ventures of its kind involving academic historians collaborating not with a gallery or museum but with a major public institution, as the Church of England seeks eagerly to unlock its own history to bring insights to its clergy, congregations and the broader multi-cultural community of contemporary London.

The project enjoys the strong support of the Bishop of London, who spoke at a *Building on History* seminar at St Paul's Cathedral on 5 May of the importance of historical awareness to London Anglican identity and the development of informed strategy. Many of the social changes and pastoral challenges currently facing the diocese, such as rapid urban development and heavy migration (both within and to the area), have been perennial issues for both the Church and metropolis since at least the late eighteenth century. A historical perspective on the experience of these phenomena over time will help inform current and future responses. Among the various themes to be investigated by the project is the modern history of Church of England schools and their role within parishes in the Diocese.

The LDBS has championed the involvement of our schools in this project as many have long and distinguished histories serving their local communities. This involvement will include some local research, but also allow the school to involve pupils creating stimulating cross curriculum work. We would like our school to provide us with two pieces of important information which will aid the researchers;

- 1) When was your school founded, and by whom?
- 2) Is there already a written history of your school?

Please send this information to Robert Bullett either on 020 7932 1161 or email: robert.bullett@london.anglican.org. For further information on the project visit <http://www.open.ac.uk/Arts/building-on-history-project/index.html>

MISCELLANEOUS

SMSC Trip

Istanbul is the popular choice. If you have forgotten to respond and are interested in putting your name down for Istanbul please click onto the website for the application form:

<http://schools.london.anglican.org/news.htm#events>

LDBS Newsletter

The SEPTEMBER ISSUE will have a centre feature on: "**SUMMER EVENTS.**" For those who haven't sent in their photos/articles yet - the event can be about anything to do with the Summer term whether it's a cake sale and the best decorated cake, sports day or your summer fete; You can send in any recent event, pieces of work etc.

Please send to Mitch by post or email: mitch.gallacher@london.anglican.org by 27th July.

Modern Foreign Languages

We are interested to know which foreign languages are being taught in our primary schools. There is a possibility of some very interesting and beneficial links to help schools in teaching modern foreign languages. Please let us know by contacting Robert Bullett on 020 7932 1161 or

robert.bullett@london.anglican.org

What Money Means

What Money Means is a groundbreaking project designed to create a step change in the way personal finance education is taught in primary schools. Developed by **pfeg** and supported by HSBC, the project was established to address the need to build capacity amongst teachers to provide high quality personal finance education. It is the only national, non-governmental initiative of its kind for primary schools in this country.

It is designed in a way that encourages teachers to be creative, experimental and innovative, and build on other aspects of the curriculum to offer a rich and engaging experience for children without making additional demands on teachers' time. Schools can access the *What Money Means* materials (free of charge) by visiting **pfeg's** web-site on http://www.pfeg.org/our_work_with_schools/what_money_means/index.html

CONGRATULATIONS TO ...

Ofsted and Denomination Inspections

The following schools have been inspected since the last mailing, and judged to be good or outstanding:

- Christ Church Primary School, Albany Street, Camden
- Christ Church Primary School, Hampstead, Camden
- St George's Primary School, Freezywater, Enfield
- St Matthew's Primary School, Ponders End, Enfield
- Laleham Primary School, Surrey
- Hampden Gurney Primary School, Westminster
- St Augustine's Primary School, Westminster (SIAS Inspection)
- St Mary's Primary School, Westminster (SIAS Inspection)

Greig City Academy Year 7 boys' and girls' athletics teams finished first place in the Haringey athletics championship in May. Well done to everyone involved!

St Augustine's High School, Westminster has recently been named as one of the most improved science colleges in the country by the SSAT (Specialist Schools and Academies Trust), which also placed it in the most improved specialist schools club.

St Matthew's School, Westminster has been awarded an Artsmark Gold award by the Arts Council of England in recognition of the school's commitment to, and excellence in, arts education. A school must dedicate a minimum of 10 per cent of its curricular teaching time to the arts to receive an Artsmark; 12 per cent wins a Silver Artsmark and 15 per cent qualifies for Artsmark Gold. An Artsmark school also provides teachers with professional development and involvement with local artists and arts groups.

Any school in England can apply for Artsmark at: www.artsmark.org.uk

St Mary's Junior School, Haringey, which has been awarded a Healthy Schools Award and an Eco-Schools Award – Congratulations!