



## LDBS SCHOOLS BULLETIN

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### FROM THE DIRECTORS

This is our first communication with you since Tom Peryer's departure and as we suspected our careful planning for the interregnum before a new Director is appointed has already been thrown out of the window.

Starting off with the exciting news; on 27<sup>th</sup> April St John's School in Walham Green, Fulham was given the green light to expand to two forms of entry but instead of an expected September 2011 start date, the Governing Body has been encouraged to aim for September 2010. Needless to say the School and the LDBS is up for the challenge and the period of consultation will begin on 11 May.

Emmanuel School, West Hampstead has just completed its consultation on expansion to one form of entry. There is a majority in favour of the development.

Lady Margaret School has received planning permission to build a new sixth form centre; this has unlocked funding from the Learning & Skills Council and will enable the Sixth Form to expand in 2011.

St John & St James School has now received planning permission to expand to two forms of entry and we are incorporating worship space and offices for the Parish as its own Church has been declared unsafe.

We have already faced our first crisis where a school had a member of staff becoming ill following a trip to Mexico. Fortunately tests have proved negative for the H1N1 virus but it has highlighted the fact that as local authorities are not responsible for VA Schools, decisions on handling pandemic outbreaks are the responsibility of their governing bodies. Naturally the LDBS will provide support and guidance is enclosed.

We have been given advance warning that Ofsted will be changing the grade descriptors from September and that there will be no more one day inspections. We will be arranging training sessions as soon as Ofsted publishes details of all the changes.

**Inigo Woolf**  
Director, Finance & Resources

**Elizabeth Wolverson**  
Director, Schools Support Services

### WELCOME TO.....

**Frederick Hugh House** in the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea, which has become an affiliated school to the LDBS. Frederick Hugh House is a new school, opening in September 2009. This is our second such affiliated school and we look forward to getting to know the school and its staff well and providing support where we can.

#### **And to....**

Frances Conley	Deputy Headteacher	All Saints Childs Hill	Barnet
Fran Langley	Headteacher	Holy Trinity	Camden
Jodie Hassan	Deputy Headteacher	Hackney Free & Paraochial	Hackney
Mrs Avis Hawkins	Acting Headteacher	Christ Church	Kensington & Chelsea
Ms George Rudgley	Acting Headteacher	Christ Church	Kensington & Chelsea
Tonnie Simpson	Headteacher	St Mary Magdalene	Westminster
Claire Cleverton	Deputy Headteacher	All Souls	Westminster
Victoria Linsley	Vice Principal	St Mary Magdalene Academy	Islington
Charlotte Harrison	Vice Principal	Chelsea Academy	Kensington & Chelsea
Mark Dalton	Assistant Principal	Chelsea Academy	Kensington & Chelsea
Thomas Cragg	Assistant Principal	Chelsea Academy	Kensington & Chelsea

## **LDBS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

### ***20<sup>th</sup> May 2009 – Using St Paul’s Cathedral as an Educational Resource***

This course is part of the NQT Induction Programme, but all are welcome to join. It is being led by Laura Arends and runs from 1:20pm to 4pm on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2009. Please see the enclosed leaflet for further details or contact Pat Regan on 020 7932 1162 or on [pat.regan@london.anglican.org](mailto:pat.regan@london.anglican.org)

### ***LDBS Headteacher Retreat***

Liz Wolverson, Director, School Support Services is holding a Headteachers’ retreat at Mulberry House, a beautiful and elegant conference centre near Epping on the 26<sup>th</sup> June 2009. The cost of the one day retreat is £30. For further details please see the enclosed flyer or contact Leanne Gowar on [leanne.gowar@london.anglican.org](mailto:leanne.gowar@london.anglican.org)

### ***LDBS Primary School Deputy Headteachers Conference***

Liz Wolverson, Director, School Support Services is also running a primary school Deputy Headteachers’ conference at Mulberry House (the same beautiful and elegant conference centre as above) near Epping on the 5<sup>th</sup> June 2009. The cost of the one day conference is £30. For further details please see the enclosed flyer or contact Leanne Gowar on [leanne.gowar@london.anglican.org](mailto:leanne.gowar@london.anglican.org)

### ***The Challenge of Headship***

We are again running our highly successful school leadership course aimed at Headteachers, Deputy and Assistant Heads in CofE 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](mailto: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](mailto:graham.marriner@london.anglican.org)

### ***Early Leaders***

This is a new course at the LDBS aimed at those who are beginning to look at a leadership position, and are interested to learn about what is involved. It runs 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](mailto:graham.marriner@london.anglican.org)

### ***LDBS SIAS Inspectors***

LDBS places a high priority on the development of the Christian character and distinctiveness of its schools and there is a formal monitoring of this through SIAS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools), sometimes also known as ‘Section 48’. We are always keen to recruit new SIAS inspectors, particularly from amongst serving headteachers who recognise that the experience of inspection activities contributes to their own schools’ development.

There are two days of inspector training, separated by a ‘shadow’ inspection, successful completion of which leads to accreditation by the National Society. There is also an obligation to attend two days of ongoing training/updating days each year. And, of course, SIAS inspectors are paid for each inspection and report.

If you are interested in learning more about this important and interesting work, please contact Leanne Gowar ([leanne.gowar@london.anglican.org](mailto:leanne.gowar@london.anglican.org) 020 7932 1159) or Geoff Edwards ([geoffrey.edwards@btinternet.com](mailto:geoffrey.edwards@btinternet.com) 07912 209515).

### ***Helping Children Develop Language – A one day course for Foundation Stage and KS1 Teachers and Teaching Assistants***

We are interested in holding a one-day course in the Autumn term with the charity ICAN, the children’s communication charity. The course is called ‘Helping Children Develop Language’ and will be open to all Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 teachers and teaching assistants. The course will look at speech and language development in children and will demonstrate techniques and ideas that can be used in the classroom setting ‘to help children to become more confident communicators’. If you would like further details please contact Leanne Gowar on [leanne.gowar@london.anglican.org](mailto:leanne.gowar@london.anglican.org) or by phone on 020 7932 1159.

## RE, COLLECTIVE WORSHIP AND SMSC

### ***Book Resources for RE, PSHE and SMSC***

Please find enclosed another helpful review of newly published books and resources for RE, PSHE and SMSC. The review covers all 5 Key Stages plus some management books. *Please pass on to RE co-ordinators and Heads of RE!*

### ***Worship Calendar***

A new worship calendar is included in this mailing, and will appear on the website shortly.

### ***Godly Play 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](mailto:leanne.gowar@london.anglican.org)

### ***Christian Aid Week***

May 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> is Christian Aid Week, in which events will be held across the country to raise awareness of and finance for the charity's many projects around the world. For further information and resources please follow the link <http://www.christianaid.org.uk/getinvolved/christianaidweek/index.aspx>  
One of the ways in which Christian Aid is hoping to raise money is through Quizaid events, a fun way to raise money for a good cause, while seeing how much of your history, sport, music and film knowledge you remember! The questions come in 4 levels, so everyone can take part in what will sure to be a memorable night of quizzing! To order you pack to run a fantastic Quizaid event, or for more information about Quizaid follow the link <http://www.christianaid.org.uk/getinvolved/events/quizaid/index.aspx>

### ***RE Toolkit and SIAS Inspections***

A new RE toolkit is available for schools from the National Society Website. This edition is a more compact toolkit than others that have been released previously. We have some concerns over the toolkit, which we would like to try and iron out before our schools use it.

The National Society has also said that the time between Ofsted inspections and the SIAS Inspections should go from 8 weeks to 3. We have decided not to accept that advice and will in the first instance move to a 6 week period between inspections.

## 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](mailto:leanne.gowar@london.anglican.org)

### ***Governor Support Training Programme***

For information about the Summer Term Governor Support training programme and to apply for the courses please visit the LDBS website: [www.schools.london.anglican.org/Calendar/calendar-index.htm](http://www.schools.london.anglican.org/Calendar/calendar-index.htm) If you would like to receive these programmes by email please let Mitch have your email details on 020 7932 1160 or [mitch.gallacher@london.anglican.org](mailto:mitch.gallacher@london.anglican.org)

## PERSONNEL MATTERS

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

Overseas trained teachers now have to have a registered sponsor before they can work in schools. Local authorities, other bodies and perhaps some schools are registering as sponsors. We understand that not all local authorities have included Church schools under their sponsorship umbrella. However, the LDBS is now registered with the Home Office as an accredited sponsor and is therefore allowed to issue certificates of sponsorship. Any school wishing to use the LDBS sponsorship umbrella should contact Pat Regan on 020 7932 1162 or [pat.regan@london.anglican.org](mailto:pat.regan@london.anglican.org). There will be a charge for each certificate but at least schools will not have to pay to register.

## RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

### **LDBS ADVERTS Website**

The adverts website (<http://www.lpbsadverts.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 add – 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](mailto: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 NQT's have already been interviewed and a significant number accepted. If you know already that you need an NQT for September, it might be worth giving Pat Regan a call. Direct Line: 0207 932 1162. Mob: 07930 319437. email: [pat.regan@london.anglican.org](mailto:pat.regan@london.anglican.org) .

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

## MISCELLANEOUS

### **LDBS Newsletter**

Please send Mitch anything you would like included in the next schools newsletter. All events, pictures and poetry are welcome. You can send the information to Mitch through the post or by email to [mitch.gallacher@london.anglican.org](mailto:mitch.gallacher@london.anglican.org)

### **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](mailto:robert.bullett@london.anglican.org)

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ...

### **Ofsted and Denomination Inspections**

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

- St Luke's Primary School, Islington – Outstanding
- St Augustine's Primary School, Westminster – Good
- Greig City Academy, Haringey – Good
- Grey Coat Hospital Secondary School – Outstanding
- St Paul's ,New Southgate Primary School, Barnet - Good
- St John's Primary School, Highbury Islington – Good (SIAS Inspection)
- St John the Baptist Primary School, Richmond – Outstanding (SIAS Inspection)

**Twyford Gospel Choir** who were crowned the BBC Songs of Praise Senior School Choir of the Year 2009 in Manchester in March. As winners the school received a £1,000 voucher for musical equipment, as well as being featured on Songs of Praise.

**Bishop Ramsey Secondary School** where all pupils and staff are now on one site – the fulfilment of a long held dream for the LDBS and the Governing body.