

Bradford and Ripon & Leeds Diocesan Education Team

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 *Happy New Year and every good wish to you All!*

The Diocesan Education Team

Conference

Distinctive Values for Distinctive Schools

9th March 2012

Rudding Park Hotel, Harrogate

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Headteachers' Questionnaire

We value your views and so there will be a questionnaire sent out to all schools. Please look out for it on

Wednesday 25 January 2012

Please support us with 100% returns. The deadline for responses will be **Wednesday 8 February 2012**

Welcome New Heads and Acting Heads

Professional Development Days for Heads new to Church Schools in our Dioceses will be held on:

Day 1: Friday 3 February

Day 2: Wednesday 21 March

Day 3: Wednesday 23 May

To book places please contact:
admin@brleducationteam.org.uk

Number on Roll Return Form Thank you to all who have returned this to us. If you have not already done so, please will you do so as soon as possible to admin@brleducationteam.org.uk

Admissions

Thank you to all our Voluntary Aided and Foundation Schools who have commenced the consultation process in respect of pupil intake for the 2013-14 academic year. **On completion and following determination of your final policy, please send a copy to us.**

If your school has not commenced the consultation process, your policy must still be brought into line with the revised Admissions Code. If any changes are proposed, these will have to be consulted upon for the academic year 2014-15.

The revised Admissions Code has been laid before Parliament. Whilst the revised regulations are due to come into force on 1 February 2012, there may be further amendments to the Code.

Please note: All appeals lodged on or after 1 February 2012 will be dealt with under the 2012 Regulations and the revised School Admission Appeals Code.

Good news Under the new Regulations, unless governors intend to make changes to their admissions policy, consultation is only required every 7 years!

Please remember all admissions policies must be posted on the school's website.

This applies to policies for consultation as well as the final policy.

'EVENTS'

Please visit the 'Events' section on our website:
www.brleducationteam.org.uk

Governor Training for the Spring Term
Especially for Governors New to Church Schools
All Governors are welcome
7.00 pm – 9.00 pm

Wednesday 29 February 2012
Harewood C of E Primary School

Booking now : admin@brleducationteam.org.uk

Headteachers & Chairs of Governors' Meetings
6.30pm for 7.00 pm

Updates about current schools matters

Tuesday 24 April Ripon & Leeds Diocesan Office
Thursday 26 April East Morton C of E Primary School
Thursday 10 May Bedale C of E Primary School

Booking now : admin@brleducationteam.org.uk

Annual Leavers' Services 2012

3 July 2012
Leeds Parish Church pm

4 July 2012
Ripon Cathedral am/pm

5 July 2012
Bradford Cathedral am/pm

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NPQH Changes The current regulations require first-time applicants to hold the NPQH before he or she can serve as a permanent headteacher. The mandatory status of NPQH will be lifted from early 2012, subject to the Parliamentary process due to be completed by the end of February 2012. The Government, and our Dioceses, continue to recognise and endorse the value and importance of NPQH as the qualification of choice for anyone aspiring to headship. It will be for Governing Bodies to decide whether they want new headteachers to hold the NPQH. However, candidates for headship who are not NPQH graduates need to be clear that, if successful, they could not take up a post until the current regulations are revoked. A new modular NPQH is being designed for September 2012. See newnpqh@nationalcollege.org.uk

FUNDING NEWS!

Locally Co-ordinated Voluntary Aided Programme (LCVAP)

We are pleased to report that just before the Christmas break the Government made the long awaited announcement regarding Capital monies for the Voluntary Aided sector.

LCVAP is to continue for a further financial year. We had been led to expect that this capital programme would be discontinued; however, we are delighted to confirm it will run for 2012-13 financial year. Due to the late announcement of the programme we will require bids to be submitted to our office by **5.00 pm on Friday 24 February 2012**. The amounts available will only support a small number of projects. Schools which do have needs and suitable projects should **complete and submit the LCVAP Application Form**. The form can be downloaded from the Buildingsq section of our website: www.brleducationteam.org.uk

Devolved Formula Capital (DFC)

In the same announcement the DfE also notified us that DFC will also continue for 2012-13 financial year, at the same levels as last year.

Leadership Opportunities in Church Schools Succession Planning Professional Development Days Spring Term 2012 Update!

Thank you for your help in identifying colleagues who are potential future Church school leaders. Compared with last year, we are delighted that our Dioceses have had twice as many candidates accepted in 2011-12 for the *pre NPQH mentoring* and the *residential to support NPQH graduates with Headship applications*.

This year's proposed *conference for teachers who want to find out more about leadership opportunities at all levels in Church schools* will be on **Saturday 12 May 2012 (date tbc)**; flier and details to follow. We are now planning a *'Follow up day'* for participants who attended this conference in York last year.

These are high quality CPD opportunities which are **free of charge** and will be in **great demand**. Please keep an eye open for dates and more details so that you can forward them to members of your teaching staff. Thanks!

Ofsted and SIAS update

Ofsted: the new framework is now in operation, however, we are aware that inspectors are still receiving guidance briefings. Schools anticipating an early inspection are advised to consult the Ofsted website for all updates.

SIAS: for the remainder of this academic year the framework remains unchanged.



Take a step for Fairtrade in 2012 beginning with Fairtrade Fortnight:
27 February – 11 March 2012

For further details visit: www.step.fairtrade.org.uk



THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

The CofE is encouraging parishes to engage with communities to celebrate The Queen's Diamond Jubilee, as it announces its participation in two national initiatives. *The Big Jubilee Lunch* (Sunday 3 June) and *The Big Thank You*. via a website section and online video at www.diamondjubilee.churchofengland.org.

Please register your own *Big Jubilee Lunch* at www.thebiglunch.com

In *The Big Thank You*, many cathedrals and churches are inviting people to add their well wishes to a letter to Her Majesty The Queen thanking her for 60 years of service. These letters will be compiled into one national Big Thank You and delivered to Buckingham Palace. If you have any plans regarding either of these, please let us know by contacting:

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OLYMPIC TORCH IN YORKSHIRE

On Sunday 24 June 2012 the torch will go through Bradford, Keighley, Skipton and Ilkley (with an evening celebration in Leeds). If you have any plans regarding this, please let Alison Bogle, Bradford Diocesan Communications Officer, know on communications@bradford.anglican.org

DESIGN A CHURCH CHAIR Competition!

The Church of England is running a competition for design students, designers, manufacturers and contractors to design new church seating.

Two categories:

A chair under £100 - *open to students and recent graduates (cash prize and opportunity to pitch to manufacturers)*.

A seat (chair or bench) for churches - *open to all*.

Closing date: 30 March 2012

Designs need to be: ergonomic, sympathetic to historic interiors, robust, comfortable without dependency on upholstery, workable on historic floors, able to stack or fold compactly, lightweight, practical for mass production, with the option of being linked, and of having a book holder and chair arms.

Further info: Lou Henderson [020] 7898 1326

RE, Collective Worship and Global Education Co-ordinators News:

Please see the Autumn Term RE Newsletter available on www.brleducationteam.org.uk 'DET' 'DET mailings'

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