



LDBS SCHOOLS BULLETIN

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Please pass this bulletin on to all members of the leadership team,
governors and Heads of RE / RE Co-ordinators

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Message from Inigo Woolf and Liz Wolverson

Half term already seems like a distant memory and so we are very much looking forward to seeing many of you at Sandbanks for our Conference. There has been a lot of pressure on some schools recently and they have had a rough time at the hands of the media, so it is perhaps fitting that our Conference subject is 'Under Pressure'.



LDBS News

Congratulations

Ofsted and SIAMS inspection Grades

We offer our congratulations to the following schools who were rated either 'Outstanding' or 'Good' in their recent OFSTED or SIAMS inspections.

- Ashford CE Primary School, Middlesex – Good (Ofsted)
- Edward Betham CE Primary School, Greenford – Good (Ofsted)
- Holy Trinity CE Primary School, Eagans Close – Outstanding (SIAMS)
- Holy Trinity CE Primary School, Tottenham – Good (Ofsted)
- Kentish Town CE Primary School – Outstanding (SIAMS)
- St John the Baptist CE Primary School, Hampton Wick – Good (Ofsted)
- St Jude and St Paul's CE Primary School, Islington – Good (SIAMS)
- St Mark's CE Primary School, Tollington Way – Good (SIAMS)
- St Peter's CE Primary School, Wapping – Outstanding (SIAMS)
- St Stephen's CE Primary School, Westbourne Park – Good (SIAMS)

❖ **Congratulations to the many schools who received a letter from David Laws MP regarding their significant progress and attainment in the Key Stage 2 results for their disadvantaged pupils since 2011.**

We would like to welcome:

Name	Position	School	LA
Michael Ribton	Principal	Burlington Danes Academy	Hammersmith & Fulham

LDBS SCITT – Accredited CACHE Centre

LDBS SCITT is pleased to announce that it is now an accredited CACHE centre and is accepting applications for the following courses:

- ✓ **CACHE Levels 2 and 3 Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools**
- ✓ **CACHE Level 3 Specialist Support for Teaching and Learning in Schools**
- ✓ **CACHE Level 2 Introduction to Early Years Education and Care**
- ✓ **CACHE Level 3 Diploma for the Early Years Workforce (Early Years Educator)**
- ✓ **CACHE Level 3 Supporting Individuals with Learning Disabilities**

Level 2 courses are suitable for people who are inexperienced or not yet working in school. Level 3 courses are aimed at those with experience who are seeking professional development.

Courses begin in September 2015 and can be completed within one school year. There are funding arrangements in place to help schools and individuals meet the fees.

If you would like to know more or know a Teaching Assistant or parent volunteer who might be interested, please get in touch.

Course details can be found on the [LDBS SCITT website](#) or by ringing 0207 932 1126.

We will be happy to talk you through which is the best option for you.



HR & Recruitment Advice

NQT Appointments

The LDBS has now visited all major teacher training institutions and spoken to prospective NQTs about opportunities in LDBS schools. We will be interviewing trainees from March to April, creating an NQT talent pool.

1. Would you like to be part of this interview process?
2. Do you have an NQT vacancy or is your school thinking of appointing an NQT?

If the answer is yes to either of these questions contact Pat Regan for help and advice.

Email: pat.regan@london.anglican.org | Tel: 020 7932 1162 | Mobile: 07930 319437

Advertising teaching and non-teaching vacancies

If your school has a staff vacancy that you want to advertise, the LDBS can post this online quickly, we also can arrange for adverts to go into the TES and The Guardian. To advertise or for advice on 'best value' advertising and ways to enhance online adverts to target relevant candidates contact Pat Regan.

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Governors & Governance

Governors Training Programme

The 2014-15 training programme has been constructed to reflect the key messages in government guidance. We will add sessions during the year, and would particularly draw your attention to the following sessions, all of which take place at London Diocesan House:

Date	Time	Course title
18/03/2015	10am-12noon	Ofsted – the new arrangements
18/03/2015	2pm-4pm	An Introduction to the Role of the New Clerk
23/03/2015	10am-4pm	Introduction for new(ish) governors
10/04/2015	10am-12pm	Dealing with Complaints
07/05/2015	9am-4pm	Safer Recruitment
08/06/2015	2pm-4pm	Governor Panel Hearings
16/06/2015	10am-12pm	Monitoring Visits in School
29/06/2015	10am-12pm	Headteacher Appraisal – the governors' role
29/06/2015	2pm-4pm	Governing Body Structures

Further details and an application form can be found on the [LDBS website](#).

Governing Body Minutes

Please send your governing body minutes to Patricia Scotland here at Causton Street or email them to patricia.scotland@london.anglican.org

Governing Body Membership Update

Please remember to complete and return the Governing Body Membership form to Molly Musgrave by email molly.musgrave@london.anglican.org, or by post. The form can be downloaded from the [LDBS website](#).

Reconstitution

Thank you to everyone who has so far sent us their draft Instrument for approval.

Action for governors: Please make sure that others submit theirs by the end of the Spring Term 2015 to either: Ann Foster (020 7932 1194; Ann.Foster@london.anglican.org) or Penny Harvey (020 7932 1151 Penny.Harvey@london.anglican.org). We are happy to answer any queries at any point during the process.



RE & Collective Worship

Christian Aid Week 10-17 May 2015

Christian Aid have put together FREE resources for primary and secondary schools. The resources aim to raise awareness of [Christian Aid](#) and how it fights poverty all over the world. The focus this year is Ethiopia.

RE Training Opportunities for Teachers

We thought it would be useful if we plan ahead and book all the RE Co-ordinator's Meetings for the 2014-15 academic year in advance. The content of each session will be decided by Co-ordinators at the previous meeting and details will be circulated to all schools in advance of each meeting. In the meantime, please book the following dates in your diary:

- Friday 6th March 2014 (1.30pm-4pm)
- Thursday 25th June 2014 (1.30pm-4pm)

To book a place please email Patricia Scotland patricia.scotland@london.anglican.org

Chalice Arts UK – Promoting Art Education

Stephen Bruce, a former LDBS Head teacher, has set up Chalice Arts UK to promote art education in primary schools. He is currently developing a set of units of art work based on the National Societies 15 Christian values, which many of our LDBS schools use in some form. Stephen's work links each value to an art activity. They are free to download from the publications section of his website as and when each one is completed. They are in the form of power point presentations that can either be used by art co-ordinators to train staff or provide teachers with teaching notes and images to show children. He is also available to teach workshops with children or deliver training to staff in schools. [Visit Chalice Arts Website](#) with lots of examples of children's artwork.



Grow Education Partners

Website: www.grow-education.org



: @Grow_Education

Grow Training and Development Programme

To see all Grow training courses visit the [Grow website](http://www.grow-education.org) or email grow@london.anglican.org

The table below shows the training sessions provided by Grow in the Spring and Summer terms.

Subject area	Course Title	Date(s)
Maths Courses	Representing Numbers and Problems using Bar Modelling	12 th March 2015
Literacy Courses	The Reading Classroom: Moving English Forward	5 th March 2015
	Guided Reading	19 th March 2015
	Maths	18 th March 2015
NQT courses	English Poetry	22 nd April 2015
	Teaching Christianity in School	20 th May 2015
	The Learning Environment	10 th June 2015
Leadership courses	Assessment Leaders Training: review of results and planning for next year	1 st July 2015
Science Courses	Working Scientifically in the new curriculum	26 th March 2015
SEND Courses	Using and embedding the national standards for Autism	16 th March 2015
	Social assistance to support the child on the autism spectrum	25 th March 2015



Resources

British Values – The Sound of Music

The third instalment of British Values, written by Liz Wolverson, focusses on the story behind ‘The Sound of Music’. This document is available in the Document Section of the Bulletin.

Climate Week 3 – 9 March 2015

So many schools have done fantastic work on educating pupils on the importance of protecting our planet. Don't let your school miss Climate Week this year which runs from 3rd -9th March 2015. The campaign inspires a new wave of action for a sustainable future. Visit the [Climate Week website](http://www.climateweek.org) with a wealth of resources, events and ideas for your school.

Lovewise Resources about Pornography for Secondary Schools

Pornography is widespread and easily accessible, but many young people have not been taught about what the consequences of watching it can have. [Lovewise](http://www.lovewise.org) is a charity which provides resources and presentations about pornography, marriage, sex and relationships from a Christian perspective and helps young people to make good decisions about what they look at.

The Key for School Leaders and Governors

We are pleased to inform Headteachers that we have arranged a significant discount on membership of [The Key for School Leaders](#) for LDBS schools. We have also arranged a discount on their sister service for governors; The Key for School Governors.

The Key is an independent support service for senior leaders. The Key's expert researchers provide answers to questions about any aspect of school leadership and management. [The Key for School Governors](#) is a support service for governors providing a wide range of information and support relating to all aspects of school governance. These are then published as articles on the website for other members to read.

The discounted prices are provided in the letter at the end of the mailing document. The three options for membership are:

- Option 1: The Key for School Leaders and The Key for School Governors joint package (20% discount)
- Option 2: The Key for School Leaders only (15% discount)
- Option 3: The Key for School Governors only (15% discount)

If you would like to take advantage of this arrangement, please email jack.cracknell@london.anglican.org by **20 March 2015** advising which membership option you would like to choose. We will take your email as confirmation that you wish to go ahead with that membership option and will charge you accordingly.

Divine Poetry Competition 2015

Do you have any aspiring poets in your school who need some recognition? [Divine Chocolate](#) is a Fairtrade company who are running a poetry competition inspiring children to think about the challenges and tribulations of growing up on a cocoa farm.

Winners would get lots of chocolate (obviously), books, t-shirts and most notably their poem read out by Children's author and poet John Dougherty.

SEND Consultation and Circle Time Training for FREE

LDBS is working with The [Southover Partnership](#) to extend SEND training and support to LDBS schools.

The Southover Partnership are offering a FREE consultation to any LDBS school wanting to work through a particular SEND challenge or review a specific aspect of provision. They are also offering a FREE introductory Circle Time training session to any LDBS school.

"Circle time is suitable for both primary and secondary groups and it is an excellent method of building emotional literacy and confidence in children. The training is run as an experiential session as we believe it is important for staff to experience some of the emotions that we ask our children to experience. "It is fun and helps to build a team spirit among staff members" The aim of the session is to introduce the ideas and concepts behind Circle Time and also to run through a typical session with staff. The session takes 1 – 1.5 hours and is aimed at teachers and TAs. This is an introductory session for schools that are new to Circle Time."

Schools wanting to take up one of these offers or to find out more should contact The Southover Partnership on 020 8446 0300 or admin@southoverpartnership.com



Reminders

LDBS Newsletter

We really enjoy hearing about our schools and their achievements, whether they are academic, sporting, musical or just entertaining. If any schools would like to send us pieces of work e.g. outstanding poems; newspaper cuttings, news items, a special card or poem that your children have made – these would be a great feature. The next issue of the Newsletter will include a feature on **Autumn Events**. Please post, e-mail or fax your news to: Mitch Gallacher at LDBS, Diocesan House, 36 Causton Street, London, SW1P 4AU; E-mail: mitch.gallacher@london.anglican.org ; Fax: 020 7932 1111.

Please keep them coming for future issues and please make sure you have parental permission for any photos.

Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher Vacancies and Appointments

Don't forget to contact your Adviser as soon as possible if you have a Headship or Deputy Headship post vacancy so that they can plan the dates in their diaries.



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British Values - The Sound of Music

The values highlighted through this film are those which relate to the kindness of strangers, caring for those in need of help, as well as the importance of loyalty and of family. It also highlights the perils of living under a Nazi regime and not accepting abhorrent beliefs and actions even when the consequences were perilous and life changing.

The Sound of Music was originally a stage musical first performed in 1959. It really became famous when the film was made with Julie Andrews in the starring role in 1965. The play and the film were loosely based on a true story of refugees from Nazi Germany.

The refugees were the Von Trapp family. Maria Augusta von Trapp wrote a book called 'The Story of the Trapp Family Singers' which was published in 1949 and quickly became a best seller.

The von Trapp family had lived in Austria in Salzburg. They didn't live in a palace but did live in a big house. Georg Ludwig von Trapp had inherited a lot of money from his first wife who died in 1922.

Maria was a novice at the Benedictine Abbey in Salzburg and was hired to teach one of the girls (Louisa in the film) who had caught scarlet fever and needed to be taught at home. Georg and Maria decided to get married because he needed help with the children and she loved them, eventually falling in love with Georg and having three more children.

Sadly Georg lost most of their money trying to prop up a failing bank and they were left almost penniless so they turned their house into a sort of hotel. They became singers because they were broke and could earn money that way, this embarrassed Georg.

Georg and Maria were married in 1927 well before the war. Georg was a kind man who enjoyed making the children presents in his workshop and playing the violin while they sang. Maria was the one with the bad temper who would get very cross and then very quickly be nice again.

The Nazi government in Germany wanted Georg to work for them because he had a lot of experience with submarines and they were expanding their U-boat fleet. He decided he could not work with the Nazi regime, they tried to tempt him back many times right up until 1939 but he refused.

The family didn't hike over the mountains to leave Austria; they just walked to the station and get on a train to Italy. From there they travelled to London and then on to the USA.