

SCHOOL UPDATE

E-NEWSLETTER

Introduction by Director of Education Deborah Smith



Hebrews 12: 1-3 'Therefore since we also had a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us rid ourselves of every obstacle and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let's run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking only at Jesus, the originator and perfecter of the faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.'

Today is my first day back after a week's leave. I'm conscious I should feel refreshed and raring to go but I must admit I am also filled with trepidation of all that the coming weeks may bring as Lockdown 2.0 looms. It may be you also feel such concerns. During my Bible reading and prayer time this morning my thoughts were drawn to the things of God that do not change.

Revelation 22:13 tells us Jesus is 'the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.' When I consider Him and all He was and is I feel more positive. He is the ultimate example to each of us. I have no doubt there will be times when we feel over-whelmed this term as well as times filled with immense joy and satisfaction. Let us join together and focus on the person of Jesus who demonstrated perseverance, endurance, keeping His eye on the prize, being satisfied and uplifted by the Father so that He could fulfil the task set before Him. In Him we will not grow weary and lose heart.

Hello to our new Deputy Director



We are pleased to announce the appointment of our new Deputy Director of Education, Liam Eaglestone who will be joining us in early December 2020.

Liam comes to us from the Liverpool Diocese where his role was Diocesan Schools Advisor. We very much look forward to working alongside him and welcoming him to the team.

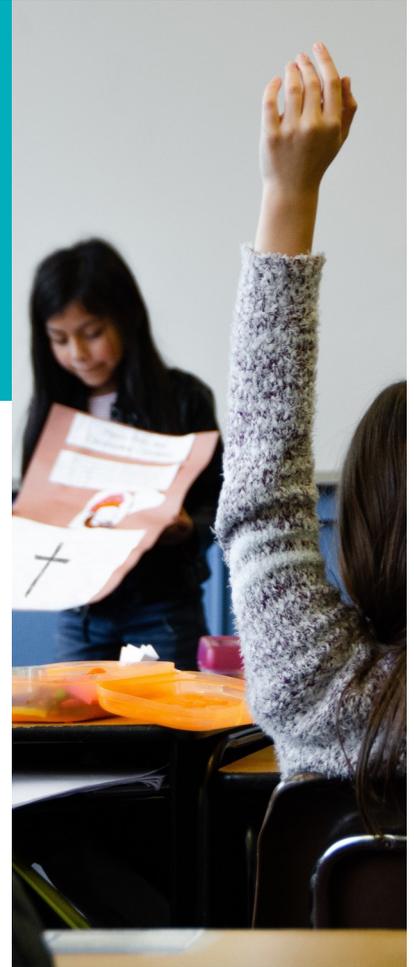
Governance Update

The Director of Education, Deborah Smith is to lead training on **Effective Governance in Church Schools** on Tuesday 17 November 18:00-20:00 on Zoom.

If you would like to take part please book with Ayanda Reiss at: bookings@manchester.anglican.org

This will be an insightful and thought provoking evening.

The role of a Governor is really important within a school. Governors support and develop the school whilst building on and encouraging the missional Christian distinctiveness that is intrinsic to each Church School setting. Governance could be seen as a vocation and a good way of supporting your local community. If this is something that is of interest to you then please contact Ruth Gent: ruthgent@manchester.anglican.org



STAFF RESOURCES

RENEW:

See overleaf for details on this fantastic new resource created for both Primary and Secondary Schools.

Pearson

Teaching resources, textbooks, software and online resources for schools.

Barnabus in Schools

Professional education provider for RE Days, resources and ideas.

Called, Connected, Committed

New resource of 24 leadership practices for Educational Leaders.

Details of repeat session taking place on 5 Nov 2020 for **Called, Connected, Committed** on next page.

Called, Connected Committed

Andy Wolfe, Deputy Chief Education Officer (Leadership Development) for the Church of England, will be repeating the Vision into Practice: Called, Connected, Committed seminar. This is due to the success of the first one that took place on 2 October at our Primary and Secondary Heads and Chairs Conferences.

The session will take place on **5 November 10-11:30am and is free of charge.**

To book, contact:

bookings@manchester.anglican.org

Wellbeing Policy

If you would like a copy of the Diocesan wellbeing policy developed by Amy Sixsmith, Diocesan Mental Health and Wellbeing Worker, please contact her directly at:

amysixsmith@manchester.anglican.org

This document has been developed to help our Diocesan Schools write their own wellbeing policies. It has been adapted from The Charlie Waller Memorial Trust Policy Guidance, which is also referenced in the Church of England's interim SIAMS guidance, Mental Health and Wellbeing: Towards a Whole School Approach in March 2018.

RENEW: Mental Health and Wellbeing Resource

You can now access the RENEW resource via the links below: Secondary resource:

<https://tinyurl.com/v3wj8bn8>

Primary resource:

<https://tinyurl.com/v49yvwut>

The toolkits include a collection of resources for Primary and Secondary School settings to support pupil wellbeing as they return to school.

Peer Support Network

We are pleased to open up three Peer Support Network Groups focussing on 'Growing Faith' and 'Wellbeing' for school leaders. This includes senior leaders, headteachers and governors.

The 'Growing Faith/Faith at Home' session (open to clergy too) will take place on **Tuesday 24 November at 10.30pm–12pm**, facilitated by Emily Norman, CEFEL and Diocesan Children's Officer Karen Beal.

'Wellbeing' network sessions will take place on **Monday 23 November 1.30am–3.30pm** with a **duplicate** session taking place on Tuesday **24 November at 1.30pm–3pm**, facilitated by Emily Norman, CEFEL and Ruth Houston, Educational Consultant.

To book, contact:

bookings@manchester.anglican.org

Collective Worship and Worship 2 Go

Diocesan Children's Officer, Karen Beal along with a team of dedicated people from across the Diocese continue to provide Collective Worship resources for Primary Schools. If you are not on the mailing list to receive these and would like to be please contact:

karenbeal@manchester.anglican.org

Thanks from Lahore!

We want to say a huge thank you to parishes, schools and individuals who have donated to both the general and school appeals for the Lahore Diocese.

The general appeal has supported families with food packages and the school appeal has supported in the payment of pupil fees, teacher salaries and food donations. The funding pages close on Thursday 5 November.

Our thanks go out to all involved including the Manchester Lahore Link Group, Col Azim Ilyas and Bishop Irfan, to name but a few.

The Easyfundraising figures currently stand at:

£4,418.50 for the general appeal

£6,549.00 for the schools appeal

KEY DATES

November

- 5** Called, Connected, Committed, Andy Wolfe
- 10** Board of Education
- 17** Effective Governance in Church Schools training
- 17** RENEW: Secondary Webinar
- 18** RENEW: Primary Webinar
- 23** 'Growing Faith' Webinar PSN
- 23** 'Wellbeing' Webinar PSN
- 24** 'Wellbeing' Webinar PSN
- 29** Advent begins

December

- 24** Christmas Eve
- 25** Christmas Day

We are sorry to announce that the Retiring Headteachers' Service that was due to take place on 15 December 2020, at Manchester Cathedral has been cancelled.

This service will now take place in the Summer of 2021.

Spring Newsletter 2021

Theme:

Sense of community

Deadline for article submissions:

Monday 23 November

Please send articles to:

lauratebay@manchester.anglican.org

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