

Archdiocese of Liverpool Schools' Department Newsletter and Information

I am sure that life in our schools and colleges has speeded up as the term gets under way. Once again I must acknowledge the many successes both academic and in the wider sense, shown across our schools this summer. There is much to celebrate; experienced heads have left with due celebration to take up well-earned retirement, while successors have been appointed bringing awareness of tradition but also new ideas. Pressure from government continues and the pace of change seems no less, with the closer prospect of political change. At Archdiocesan level we continue to strive to represent our schools at local and regional level and to secure the best possible outcomes in terms of buildings and other resources. We have been delighted to witness a number of new schools opening in recent months. Large projects around the Academies programme are under way in Newton-le-Willows and Garston. Overall admissions to our schools in September have been dealt with smoothly; anomalies or potential breaches of the code continue to arise and, as ever, our advice is based upon legal precedents and guidance from the CES.

Professional development for all staff working in our schools continues to be a priority: there is evidence of a number of posts at senior level being re-advertised. Our officers support governors throughout the process regardless of how long it takes to make a suitable appointment. We continue to deliver high quality CPD to staff, from newly qualified teachers to those seeking promotion. I would remind you that the long-established Professional Conversation Programme is always available. We are also delighted that the primary 'pool' has been successful and will recruit again this term.

I hope that the term has started well and that the year is a productive and settled one for all involved in service to our children. I look forward to meeting many of you during the year.

Frank Cogley

Dates for your Diary

Forthcoming Conferences

| Event | Venue | Date |
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| Primary Deputy/Assistant Heads' Residential | Wrightington Hotel | 26/27 November 2009 |
| Aspiring Primary Deputy Heads' Residential* | Wrightington Hotel | 21/22 January 2010 |
| Aspiring Primary Heads' Residential* | Wrightington Hotel | 4/5 February 2010 |
| Primary Heads' Residential | Wrightington Hotel | 11/12 February 2010 |
| Primary Heads' Residential** | Wrightington Hotel | 20/21 May 2010 |
| Aspiring Secondary Heads' Residential* | Wrightington Hotel | 1/2 July 2010 |

*Organised by the Catholic Training Partnership (North West Dioceses)

**This conference is a repeat of the one held in February

Autumn Term 2009 Headteacher Meetings

| LA | Venue | Date | Time |
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| Warrington | St Gregory's High School | Thursday, 8 October | 1.30 p.m. |
| Lancashire | Holy Cross High School | Tuesday, 20 October | 2.00 p.m. |
| Sefton | St Jerome's Primary School | Wednesday, 21 October | 2.00 p.m. |
| Knowsley | St Michael & All Angels Primary School | Wednesday, 4 November | 1.30 p.m. |
| St Helens | St Cuthbert's Technology College | Thursday, 5 November | 1.30 p.m. |
| Halton | St Michael's Primary School | Tuesday, 10 November | 1.30 p.m. |
| Wigan | St Aidan's Parish Centre | Monday, 16 November | 1.30 p.m. |
| Liverpool | LACE (Seminar 2) | Thursday, 26 November | 9.00 a.m. |

HELLO AND WELCOME

A warm welcome and congratulations to Headteachers who are newly appointed to schools in the Liverpool Archdiocese and have taken up posts since January 2009:

| Name | School | Local Authority |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Kate Barlow | Holy Spirit Primary | St Helens |
| Ann Clynych* | St John Rigby College | Wigan |
| Joyce Cottrell | Corpus Christi Primary | St Helens |
| Colleen Everett | Sacred Heart Primary | Warrington |
| Maureen Hillsden | Our Lady of Lourdes Primary | Sefton |
| Shelagh Malley | St Anne's Primary | St Helens |
| Maureen Matthews | Holy Cross Primary | St Helens |
| Christine McCann* | St Julie's High School | Liverpool |
| Katherine Monaghan | St Jerome's Primary | Sefton |
| Catherine Morris | St Julie's Primary | St Helens |
| Elizabeth Van de Waal | St Cecilia's Infants | Liverpool |
| Kathryn Vernon | St Catherine's Primary | Wigan |

***Executive Headship for one year**

GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK

A fond farewell and good luck to those who have retired or simply moved to pastures new since January 2009:

| Name | School | Local Authority |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Michael Boyle | Holy Cross Primary | St Helens |
| Linda Caswell | St Gregory's Primary | Lancashire |
| John Crowley | St John Rigby College | Wigan |
| Gary Cunningham | St Bridget's Primary | Warrington |
| Sr Ann Marie Gammack | St Julie's High School | Liverpool |
| Karol Grabowski | Christ the King Centre for Learning | Knowsley |
| Chris Kirk | Our Lady of the Assumption Primary | Liverpool |
| Peter Martin | St Julie's Primary | St Helens |
| Lisa Morgan | All Saints' Primary | Wigan |
| Michael Mullan | Sacred Heart Primary | Warrington |
| Liz Peat | St Jerome's Primary | Sefton |
| John Shutt | St Anne's Primary | St Helens |
| Keith Stanton | Holy Spirit Primary | St Helens |

NQTs

The NQT Welcome Conference took place on 14 October and was extremely well attended. We look forward to meeting the NQTs again at the Reflection Conference next year.

NPQH

The next application window opens on 13 November. Applicants for first headships must be in possession of the qualification before they can apply - www.nationalcollege.org.uk/npqh.

LEADERSHIP PATHWAYS

The programme for senior leaders in schools opens on 7 December 2009 and is available to download at www.nationalcollege.org.uk.

SAFER RECRUITMENT TRAINING

From January 2010 it will be necessary for at least one member of an appointing panel to have undertaken this training. Until 1 November information is available at safer.recruitment@nationalcollege.org.uk. From this date training will pass to the Children's Workforce Development Council (CWDC) www.cwdcouncil.org.uk.

PROFESSIONAL CONVERSATIONS

Schools' Officers will be happy to receive requests for confidential conversations with any members of staff who might benefit. There is no bar on a repeat request. Application can be made by completing the proforma on the Archdiocesan website: www.archdiocese-of-liverpool.co.uk.

CATHOLIC LEADERS' FORUM

The next round of meetings for the Catholic Leaders' Forum has now been arranged. The dates and venues are as follows:

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| Monday, 2 November | St John Bosco Arts College, Liverpool |
| Monday, 9 November | Holy Cross High School, Chorley, Lancashire |
| Tuesday, 10 November | St Jerome's Primary School, Sefton |
| Wednesday, 18 November | St Edmund Arrowsmith High School, Wigan |

The focus of the meetings will be either:

Designing Catholic Schools for the Future

Led by Heather Duggan, Assistant Headteacher, St John Bosco Arts College and Chris Williams, Senior Buildings and Development Officer, Schools' Department, Archdiocese

or

Personal Relationships

Led by Deacon Paul Mannings, Christian Education Department, Archdiocese

GOVERNOR TRAINING

Forthcoming courses for Autumn 2009:

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| Foundation Governor Role: | Tuesday 3 November 7.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m. St Gregory's Catholic High School Cromwell Avenue, Westbrook, Warrington WA5 1HG |
| | Wednesday 4 November 7.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m. St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School Ashton-in-Makerfield, Wigan WN4 9PF |
| | Tuesday 10 November 7.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m. LACE, Croxteth Drive, Liverpool L17 1AA |
| Admissions/Appeals: | Thursday 19 November 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon LACE, Croxteth Drive, Liverpool L17 1AA |
| | Tuesday, 1 December 7.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m. St Bede's Catholic High School St Anne's Road, Ormskirk L39 4TA |
| Effective Governing Body: | Thursday 3 December 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon St Theresa's Catholic Primary School Cannon Street, Sutton Manor, St Helens WA9 4XU |

SCHOOLS' DEPARTMENT 2009-2010

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| Director Frank Cogley | Principal Responsibilities Strategic Overview/Personnel Issues |
| Diocesan Schools' Officers Alan Bell | Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton and St Helens Secondary Schools/14-19 Area Reviews |
| Tony Charnock | Governor Training/Secondary Residential Conferences |
| Tony Ford | Knowsley, Warrington and Wigan Primary/NQT (College Liaison)/Primary Residential Conferences |
| Madeleine Haines | Liverpool Primary/Fast Track |
| Teresa Jones | Lancashire and St Helens Primary/Lancashire and Wigan Secondary/NCSL Links/CTP/CPD |
| Cath O'Leary | Halton, Liverpool and Sefton Primary/Halton, Liverpool and Warrington Secondary/Governor Training Support/Workforce Re-modelling |
| Buildings & Development Team Chris Williams Steve Roberts Michelle Underwood | Buildings Issues |
| Administration Fran Coldicutt Rosa Dover | Office Manager and PA to Frank Cogley Administrative Assistant |