

# Diocese of Hallam - Schools Together

## Newsletter - 12th March 2021



*"Nothing great is ever achieved without much enduring"*

*(St Catherine of Siena)*

Since the last newsletter we have taken stock and listened to feedback - recognising the huge challenge that bringing our young people back to school safely has created. We have extended the deadline for submission of due diligence information and where there are gaps remaining in the data we will be supporting schools individually to provide information. In the meantime we are modelling based on the information available. Thank you for continuing to support this process.

The School Improvement Strategy Group is now launched and the first meeting, led by the Schools Department, will take place very soon with initial proposals being presented to the MAT Steering Group on 15th April. Here are the members as at 8th March.

Name	School
John Coats	Director of School Improvement, Notre Dame High School Sheffield
Diane Collins (LLE)	Executive Headteacher, St Joseph & St Teresa's Doncaster, Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Steve Davies	Headteacher, Notre Dame High School Sheffield
Maria Dengate	Headteacher, St Mary's Catholic High School Chesterfield
Lindsey Ebsworth	Headteacher, St Alban's Denaby
Richard Hilton	Headteacher, St Joseph's Retford
Natalie Kelly	Headteacher, St Joseph's Rossington
Siobhan Kent	Headteacher, St Bernard's High School Rotherham
Christie Marsden	Acting Headteacher, St Joseph's Rossington
Helen McLaughlin (NLE)	Executive Headteacher, Our Lady & St Joseph Wath, St Joseph's Rawmarsh
Bernadette Nesbit (NLE)	Executive Headteacher, Holy Family Stainforth, St Mary's Edlington, St Francis Xavier
Philip Patterson	Schools Department
Fiona Rigby (NLE)	Headteacher, St Catherine's Sheffield
John Rooney	Headteacher, McAuley High School Doncaster
Bob Sawyer	Schools Department
Lucy Saxton	Headteacher, Our Lady of Sorrows Doncaster
Damien Thorpe	Executive Headteacher, Corpus Christi Federation
Andrew Truby (NLE)	Executive Headteacher, St Wilfrid's Sheffield, St Thomas Canterbury Sheffield, St Joseph's Dinnington

### Latest News

- 1.3.21 Staff Wellbeing Survey presentation to Headteachers .
- 3.3.21 Schools Dept meeting with MAT Development Group to review positive feedback from RSC regarding recent inspections in the Diocese.
- 4.3.21 Meeting with HSPAT Board to introduce the new CEO and plan 121 meetings with HSPAT Schools. An update from HSPAT will be included in the next newsletter.
- 8.3.21 Schools Dept/MAT Devt Group roadmap planning meeting.
- 10.3.21 Schools Dept/MAT Devt Group due diligence meeting.
- 12.3.21 MAT Devt Group review of draft ICFP analysis.
- 12.3.21 Meeting with DfE to plan for RSC Headteacher Board on 29th April.

### Coming up next

- ⇒ 121 meetings continue with each Headteacher to discuss how we work together on the individual road maps. Please book your appointment if you have not already done so.
- ⇒ Phil Curtis is working through the due diligence and will be reporting back to Headteachers the results of the Integrated Curriculum Financial Planning this term.
- ⇒ Draft proposals for timing and phasing of the MATs, looking at individual road maps.
- ⇒ Information and FAQ for Business Managers and admin staff.
- ⇒ Recruitment for the new CEOs, CFOs and Directors for the MAT Boards - we will share news about the arrangements following the MAT Steering Group meeting on 16th March.
- ⇒ Support for budget setting.

#### w/c 15th March

- ⇒ **MAT Steering Group meet on 16th March to clear recruitment processes for CEO, CFO and Directors of the new MATs, appointment of legal support, appointment of recruitment agency, consider proposals for naming the MATs, clear the Terms of Reference for the Catholic Life Theme Group, review webpage content and plan for RSC Headteacher Board**
- ⇒ Naming the new Catholic MATs - more news will follow by email.
- ⇒ Set up of MAT development programme web page on the Diocese of Hallam website - we will email you when the page goes live.
- ⇒ Feedback to MAT Devt Group from cross diocese MAT meeting held on 5th March
- ⇒ Launch of Catholic Life & Ethos Theme Group - prepare to send in your expression of interest.
- ⇒ First online meeting of the School Improvement Strategy Theme Group

**\*\*\*Requests\*\*\*: Please email a copy of your Funding Statement over to Phil Curtis as soon as you receive it so that we can make accurate financial forecasts.**

**Please provide email contact details for your Business Managers to Cecilia Emery**

### Getting involved and building your MATs

Please get involved where you have the skills, experience and enthusiasm to make a difference. Those on the groups will be seeking your views and feedback. The outcomes from these groups will feed directly into the MAT Steering Group's decision making regarding the ethos, ways of working, and priorities for the MATs. Watch out for the email about naming the MATs - you will have a say!

### Contact your MAT Project Leads

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We are available to support outside of meetings and in addition to the scheduled 121s. Please get in touch whenever you need to.

*The next newsletter will be sent out Monday 29th March 2021.*