



Diocese of Hallam - Schools Together Newsletter - 23rd April 2021

"The mission of schools is to develop a sense of truth, of what is good and beautiful. And this occurs through a rich path made up of many ingredients." Pope Francis

Latest News

Recruitment of CEO - Soft Launch: SATIS Education are working to raise awareness of and identify potential candidates for the two new CMAT CEO posts prior to formally opening the recruitment campaign on 6th May. The link to the campaign is available at <http://www.joinhallammats.co.uk/>

Recruitment of Foundation Directors: Trustees are inviting applications for Foundation Directors of the new CMATs. Chairs of Governors have been sent an Information Pack and Application Form to share with their Governing Bodies. The documents have also been posted on the Diocese of Hallam website and the link is: <https://hallam-diocese.com/schools-home/mat-development/> under the recruitment section. Discussions are ongoing with the Anglican Dioceses regarding representation in the governance structure.

Catholic Life Theme Group: Trustees are delighted with the huge response that has been received from a wide range of participants from across the Diocese wanting to be part of the important work to lay the cornerstones of the new CMATs. Watch out for the email from Alan Dewhurst with the arrangements for the first meeting coming out soon.

Naming the CMATs: Thank you for sending in your suggestions. Bishop Ralph is now drawing up a short list and we will send out voting forms very shortly.

Regional Schools Commissioner Headteacher Board Meeting: The RSC HTB meets on 29th April to give feedback on the Diocesan Plan for 2 CMATs and we will share with you the outcomes, including proposals for timing, phasing and next steps as soon as possible after that.

Parental Communication Statements: We have prepared statements for schools to send out to parents and you will receive a separate email regarding this on Monday 26th April.

Diocesan and School Letters of Intent: Bishop Ralph is writing to all schools to share the Diocesan letter of consent to move to the new CMATs and this will be accompanied by a letter for Chairs of Governing Bodies to sign confirming the school's intent to move forward with the Diocesan CMAT Plan. Full details will go to Chairs of Governors and Headteachers very early this week.

Summer Term Work Plan

We will be supporting schools to make preparations to join the CMATs and detailed guidance will follow by email. In the meantime we ask that schools:

- ⇒ Update contract registers - these will need to be kept up to date for academy transfer and conversion. Please don't send these to us yet!
- ⇒ Collate plans of your school site, land and buildings ready for review - we will be working with the Diocesan Property department to ensure that accurate plans are available
- ⇒ Existing academies - collate your legal documents which you signed when you converted to academy status.
- ⇒ Update and keep accurate the Get Information About Schools (GIAS) site -we will refer to GIAS for key information for the conversions and transfers.

We will be providing:

- ⇒ Integrated Curriculum Financial Planning reports for each school
- ⇒ Roadmaps for each school together with an outline of the academy conversion or academy transfer process
- ⇒ Support and guidance for budget planning

PLEASE SHARE THIS NEWSLETTER WITH YOUR STAFF AND GOVERNORS

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