



## EAST ANGLIA DIOCESE SCHOOLS' NEWS JUNE 2016



### Editor's Note

Dear colleagues,

Below you will find some reminders and other items of useful information. Remember, we want to share your news, so please tell us about special things happening in your school; anything we can celebrate or acknowledge together.

**Please remember to forward these Newsletters and those sent by the CES to your governors.** Send your news to [ssc@east-angliadiocese.org.uk](mailto:ssc@east-angliadiocese.org.uk).

### Senior Appointments

We congratulate Alex Savage on his appointment as substantive Headteacher at St Mary's, Lowestoft. We are also delighted to welcome back Veronica Short as a Headteacher in the Diocese as she takes up her post at the Waveney Valley Federation, (St Benet's, Beccles & St Edmund's, Bungay). Congratulations also to Neil Cully on his promotion to Senior Deputy Headteacher at Notre Dame.

### Retirements

We say 'farewell' to Ivan Mullinder who has served as interim Headteacher at Waveney Valley (St Benet's, Beccles & St Edmund's, Bungay) for two years. We are most grateful to Ivan for all his work in developing the federation for the benefit of our young people and wish him well for the future.

We say farewell and wish a happy retirement to Margaret Stewart, the long-standing and highly regarded deputy at St Felix.

### St Louis Middle School

It is difficult to find the words to adequately mark the closure of St Louis. All in the community have much to be very grateful for to all who have and do work at the school, governors and all the staff, especially the senior team. A particular mention is due to Rose Heap who has worked tirelessly to maintain the excellent standards and ethos of the school, especially during these difficult recent years.

### Schools Celebration for the Year of Mercy

The event is to be held at the Cathedral on 29<sup>th</sup> September and you will have received information about it, with a reply form. If you have not already responded it is important that you do so as soon as possible.

### Admission Policies

For some years the Diocese has advised against the use of the Priest's letter to confirm practice as part of oversubscription criteria. This is because of the lack of uniformity and objectivity which has led to challenges and also because it places the priest in a difficult pastoral position. At the recent Council of Priests they voted unanimously to stop the practice. Therefore from now on the only assessment of Catholicity can be Baptism.

The Diocese is in the process of drafting a model admissions policy which should be available early in the Autumn Term. Whilst governors remain the admissions authority, the model policy will hopefully provide a guide to best practice in line with the Admissions Code of Practice.

## **News from CES**

A reminder of three communications from the CES which have gone directly to schools:

**GCSE RS** – Two specifications have been approved which fully meet the requirements of the Bishops Conference; one of these **MUST** be used:

AQA specification B

WJEC/Eduqas route B.

**Visiting Speaker Checklist** – useful to ensure all checks are covered.

**Governors SEF** – governing bodies may find this a useful tool especially for Ofsted evidence.

## **Diocesan Conferences**

Secondary RE - Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> June

Primary RE- Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> July

Headteachers - Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October

Deputies - Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November

Primary RE- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October

Primary RE - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Primary RE - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017

All at Poringland.

## **Year of Mercy Booklets**

The RC Shrine has produced three booklets; a Companion for adults, a child's Companion and a colouring book. £1.50 each or all 3 for £4.00. Contact Sona at [Julian@walsingham.org.uk](mailto:Julian@walsingham.org.uk).