LDBE Leadership Bulletin

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Dear valued leader, as the season of spring is now upon us, we pray that the abundant signs of new life are filling you with hope and optimism of a wonderful summer term ahead. There is much to share in this month's bulletin, that will hopefully be of interest and impact in your schools.

Inspire – Last few places available

The LDBE team are in full preparation to welcome Y4 and Y6 pupils from over 50 schools across the Lichfield Diocese. Running across three weeks, the team expect to see over 2000 engage in 4 activities over the course of the day, exploring the values of hope, hospitality, healing and holiness. For the first time this year we have a gift for each of the schools attending. Through partnering with Bibles4Schools, we will be able to send each school away with an equivalent number of Rainbow Bibles as children attending Inspire!

Across the three weeks there is currently availability for a small number of our schools to join the team on the dates below. For further information please contact Paula Lloyd (Paula.Lloyd@lichfield.anglican.org) **These places will be allocated on request according the limited spaces available.**

Wednesday 25th May	Friday 27th May	Tuesday 14th June
Wednesday 15th June	Thursday 16th June	Friday 17th June

The Archbishop of York Youth Trust – Free Young Leaders Award places

places for 4 Schools remaining

We are delighted to be able to tell you that the Archbishop of York Youth Trust are able to offer FREE places on their KS1 and KS2 Young Leaders Award programme to children in our Church of England Primary Schools. The Young Leaders Award is a fully resourced leadership and character education programme, designed to be delivered by teaching staff within the classroom.

To explore the offer details please click here.

To register your interest in taking part in this opportunity please click here.

Citizen's Parliamnet – Issues that matter in your cathedral.

From time to time the Cathedral brings people together to think about hot topics in national life.

This April Lichfield Cathedral welcomes Mark Russell, the Chief Executive of The Children's Society (one of the largest UK charities working with children and young people) to take us through the evidence his organisation has gathered for over a decade.It shows that we have the unhappiest young people in Europe. One in three children in the UK lives in poverty.

Mark wants us to ask if this is just, sensible for our nation's future, and should we be working to make a real difference to our young people's wellbeing before the close of this decade?

Come and listen to Mark, debate with him and one another about the measures needed. Let's get involved in the care and education of children and young people.

Wednesday 6 April 19:00 | All are welcome - no booking necessary

The Children's Society

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Supporting refugee and asylum seeking children

Schools are going to be at the forefront of receiving and supporting Ukrainian refugees. The government is anticipating 100,000 Ukrainian children arriving into the UK and entering into the school system. These children may face delays accessing school, and once enrolled, they may face language barriers, have acute psycho-emotional needs as the result of trauma, experience higher rates of bullying and discrimination both in and outside school, might live in disadvantaged settings with few resources, and may have to overcome periods of missed or interrupted schooling. Whilst some schools have a long tradition of welcoming and supporting students from sanctuary-seeking backgrounds, others will have little recent experience.

Webinar next week: How to Talk to Children and Young People About War | Understanding and Supporting our Refugee Children (Monday 4th April – 4pm 90 Mins) Register Here

It is hoped that this document prompts school leaders to openly share practice to enable this resource to grow and develop as schools across the Diocese of Lichfield support children in their time of crisis and need.

Rural Teaching Partnership – Supporting teacher recruitment for September 22.

In collaboration with the Church of England Foundation for Educational Leadership (CEFEL) Lichfield Diocese is working with the Rural Teaching Partnership.

The Rural Teaching Partnership (RTP) is a collaboration between Teach First, the Church of England and Chartered College of Teaching to train new teachers in small, rural and coastal schools. We recognise working in smaller schools and those that are geographically isolate areas brings a range of unique joys and challenges; the RTP is focused on ensuring that our Training Programme incorporates learning around mixed-age teaching alongside training teachers in subject pedagogy across the curriculum..

The Teach First Training Programme recruits and develops driven, passionate people to teach in your school. As a Teach First trainee they are placed and employed full time in your school for our full **Ofsted 'Outstanding'** rated ITT programme. Please use this link to find out more about recruiting a Teach First trainee.

Schools wishing to find out more about engaging in this partnership are welcomed to register to attend a briefing session with Teach First on **6th April register here or 27th April register here.**

Or contact matthew.welton@lichfield.anglican.org to request a one-to-one session with Teach First Colleagues.

Diocesan day of prayer

We extend a warm invite to all of the school staff to join the Diocesan Day of Prayer. The day will start on Friday 8th April at 12:00 and finish 24 hours later. Over the course of the day there will be two specific times where all are welcomes to join in praying for schools. These times will be from 12:30 – 13:00 and then 16:00 – 16:30.

You would be most welcome to Join here (Meeting ID: 896 7534 6026 Passcode: 414732) or contact Matthew Welton or Alex Wolvers for further details.

Populate the Padlet
Spiritual Development – School Sharing Wall

During our time in school the team have seen such encouraging and impactful work being undertaken by school leaders who support all pupils in their spiritual development enabling all pupils to flourish. Please use the following link to share, collaborate and co-construct the work you have seen make a difference in your school! Populate the padlet!

Church of England schools will be at the heart of the school system for the future

As the Government publishes its White Paper on Education, the Church of England's Chief Education Officer says that Multi Academy Trusts can be the foundation for fruitful partnerships supporting all pupils to flourish. Read more here

For further information regarding the LDBE policy for academisation please click here.