



Diocese of Chelmsford Vine Schools Trust

# Newsletter

**Key Vine Dates:**

3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Leadership Board (Witham Academies) 9.30am Howbridge
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Leadership Board (Dengie Academies) 1.30pm St Margaret's
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Leadership Board (Tendering Academies) 1.30pm Mistley Norman
12 <sup>th</sup> May	Vine Board Meeting Chelmsford
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Leadership Board (Harlow Academies) 10.45am St James
25 <sup>th</sup> May	Finance Leads 9.00am Chelmsford
16 <sup>th</sup> June	HT COO Termly meeting 9.00am Board Room, Chelmsford

**Education Essex**

Please keep a look out for Education Essex at the beginning of each week. I understand that after Easter there will be recruitment opportunities but these will be on a first come first served basis.

**Vine Board – LGB Communication:**

Many thanks to those LGBs who have returned their risk registers and new Schemes of Delegation. If this has not been completed can it please be sent as early as possible in the summer term.

**Unions:**

We have held our first meeting with the Unions and have the next on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

**Vine Assessment Tracking System:**

Many thanks to those who attended the Balance, Pupil Asset and Target Tracker demonstrations. Lots of you shared your views after these demonstrations and have followed this up with emails. Your views will form part of the consideration at the Board Meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017. A decision on which system will be used and how this will be rolled out to Vine Academies will be communicated early in the new term.

**Ofsted / SIAMS:**

If you get the Ofsted or SIAMS call please let John know as he does not get to find out any other way.

**New Vine Academies:**

We are now expecting Bulphan Church of England Primary and Orsett Church of England Primary to join us in the Summer term. Bulphan and Orsett will be our first schools from Thurrock. We continue to have talks with a number of schools about joining us as they explore academy options.

**Every Business Management:**

This tool coordinates and gives you confidence that your academy is compliant with health and safety legislation. In addition it provides a way of monitoring and coordinating local maintenance issues.

**Access to 2% Improvement Grant:**

If the Vine retains 2% of your academy budget for improvement work this can be accessed by a claim form. Please ensure that these are with John in time for the Vine Board meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

**Signs and Badges:**

It has been wonderful to see new Vine lanyards and badges being worn in Vine Academies. If you do not have yours yet Kate from Identibadge will be in touch shortly for academy staff details.

**Advertising:**

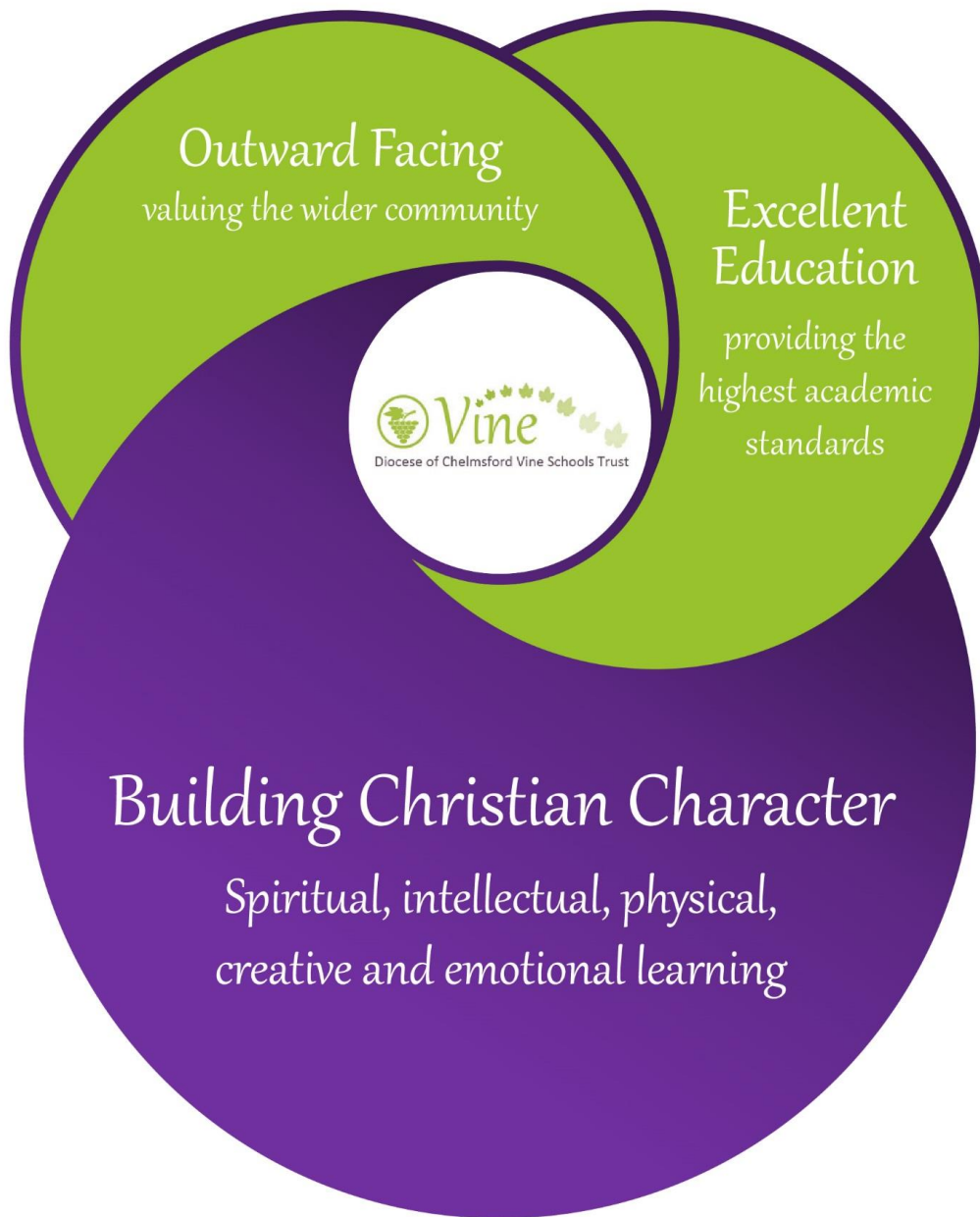
Please be aware that any vacancies you have can be advertised on the Vine website. Adverts for uploading should be sent to [ceo@vineschoolstrust.org](mailto:ceo@vineschoolstrust.org)

**Educare:**

Educare is available to all staff and governors at all Vine academies. It offers training in a wide range of areas including safeguarding, safer recruitment, first aid, fire safety, food hygiene and health and safety to name a few. Log in details have been sent, if you experience any difficulties the finance lead in each academy can re-send your log in credentials and password.



# Our Vision and Values



The Vine Vision has been re-designed to underpin that Christian Character is central to the vision. Please feel free to display the Vine Vision in your academies and use it in the development of your individual academy vision.

