



Diocese of Chelmsford Vine Schools Trust

# Newsletter

**Key Vine Dates:**

7 <sup>th</sup> September	Chair of Governors Meeting 4.30pm Chelmsford
15 <sup>th</sup> September	Leadership Board (Dengie Academies) 9.00am St Margaret's
15 <sup>th</sup> September	Leadership Board (Tendering Academies) 1.30pm St James Colchester
18 <sup>th</sup> September	Leadership Board (Colne Valley Academies) 09.00am Ridgewell
19 <sup>th</sup> September	Leadership Board (Witham Academies) 10.30am Howbridge
19 <sup>th</sup> September	Leadership Board (Harlow Academies) 1.30pm St James Harlow
22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Vine Board Meeting Chelmsford
22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Vine Board Tea and Cake - HTs and CoGs 4.00pm Chelmsford
27 <sup>th</sup> September	Finance Leads 9.00am Chelmsford
3 <sup>rd</sup> October	HT COO Termly meeting 9.00am Board Room, Chelmsford
18 <sup>th</sup> October	What If learning 9.00 Chelmsford
31 <sup>st</sup> October	Vine Cathedral Day
6 <sup>th</sup> November	Vine / Unions meeting

**Vine Board – LGB Communication:**

Please include communication with the Vine Trust Board on all LGB/LB agendas. Please send a copy of the minutes following each meeting to John – many thanks.

**Access to 2% Improvement Grant:**

If the Vine retains 2% of your academy budget for improvement work this can be accessed via a claim form. Please ensure that these are with John a week before the Vine Board meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017.

Once the money has been spent please send John a brief impact report for the Vine directors.

**Ofsted / SIAMS:**

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

**Thank You:**

The Vine Trust Board would like to thank you all for the hard work you have put in to educating our pupils this year. We are aware of the dedication it takes to work in a school, the long hours and pressure. Your efforts are appreciated and although we know that Ofsted and SATs are just a small part of school life the result 3 Vine academies have improved their Ofsted rating, 8 Vine academies are now rated as Good and 56% of Vine year 6 pupils attained the expected standard for RWM, up from 49% last year. Thank you for all of your hard work and please enjoy a restful summer.

**New Vine Academies:**

Orsett Church of England Primary School became members of the Vine on 1<sup>st</sup> July, welcome to Headteacher Shelley Jones and all of your staff, you are very welcome and we are pleased to welcome you into the Vine.

All being well we will welcome Bulphan, Belchamp St Paul and Ridgewell Church of England Primary Schools into the Vine on 1<sup>st</sup> August taking our number to 16 academies. I know that you will make all of our new members welcome.

**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. It is possible to print a report that can be considered at every LGB/LB meeting. Please contact the central team if you need help in printing this report.

**Recruitment:**

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.

### **Pupil Asset:**

Training dates have now been arranged and we look forward to the roll out over the coming academic year. A date is being arranged for us to visit a Newham school in September to see Pupil Asset in action. Please let Jackie know if you would be interested in joining us on this visit.

### **Website Reviews:**

These will be taking place during August. Please let Jackie know if you are having a new website built so that the new and not the old one can be reviewed.

### **Vine Communication:**

Every now and again we send communication to schools requiring a response. We understand how hectic school life can be on occasions but can we please ask that the response is sent by the given deadline. If you are going to be unable to adhere to the deadline please communicate this so we know when to expect a response. In addition attendance at ALB and COO meetings enable you to express the views of your academy and help formulate Vine policy. If for any reason you are unable to attend please arrange for someone to attend in your place.

### **Vine Leadership Training:**

The Vine continues its commitment to developing leaders. Therefore, just as last year, we will be match funding all leadership development costs. Please talk this through with your headteacher if you are interested.

### **Academy Improvement:**

Once you have had a visit from an academy improvement partner or external source (RSC, HMI, Ofsted, commissioned visit and so on), please email the visit notes to Jackie as she will be looking at areas across the Vine. This includes AICs, Local Authority advisors, Diocese advisers, external reviews etc. This will help us have a full picture of the areas you are working on as well as looking at development areas across all academies.

### **Summer Holiday:**

We would like to wish you all a fabulous summer. If you need to contact us the Vine Finance Office will be open at various times over the summer. Brendon, Jackie and John are all contactable on their mobile or via email (Jackie returns from holiday on 5<sup>th</sup> August and John 7<sup>th</sup> August).

