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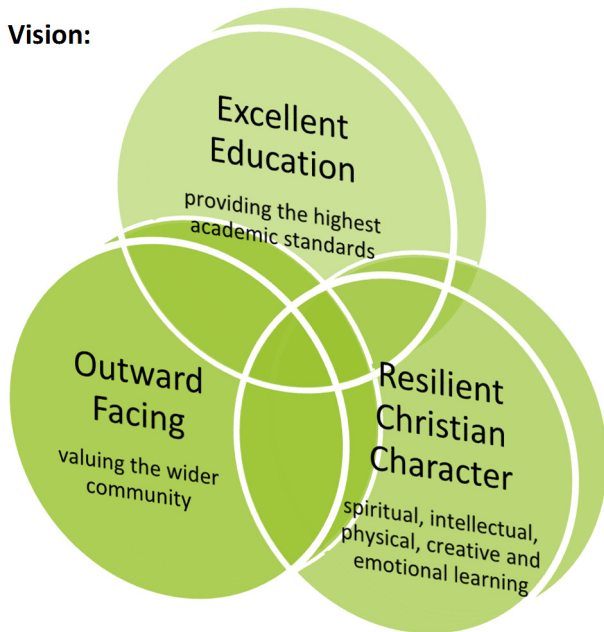
Diocese of Chelmsford Vine Schools Trust

Newsletter

Key Vine Dates:

3 rd November	Leadership Board (Dengie Academies) 9.30am Latchingdon
4 th November	Leadership Board (Tendering Academies) 1.30pm Clacton County High
4 th November	Finance Leads 9.00am Chelmsford
23 rd November	Leadership Board (Harlow Academies) 9.00pm St James, Harlow
25 th November	Vine Board Meeting Chelmsford

Vine Vision:



Please feel free to display the *Vine Vision* in your academies, use it with your LGB and in the development of your individual academy vision.

Vine Board of Directors:

We are delighted to inform you that the Vine has recently appointed three new directors. They are Becky Poynter, Tim Rose and Doris Olulode. A pen pic for each will appear on the new website shortly.

Vine Governance:

The Vine Board are currently exploring different methods of local governance. The aim is to make local governance effective for the leadership and management of up to 40 academies while at the same time not increasing Headteacher workloads. More information will be sent out before the end of term.

Website:

We are delighted that the long awaited new Vine website is up and running. It can be found at vineschoolstrust.co.uk. You will notice a link to each of your individual academy websites and you will need to provide a link on your academy website to the Vine website. As we continue to make the website fully operational your feedback is welcomed.

Vine Strategic Plan:

The Vine strategic plan has been included along with this newsletter. Although the financial data is not yet included this will allow individual academies to cross reference their development plans Vine strategic direction.

Central Team News:

The central team is being expanded to get ready for up to 20 academies being part of the Vine. Coming soon are a: Trust Support Assistant to support academies in managing risk and compliance; An Academy Support Officer to support academies before, during and after the conversion process and an Academy Improvement Lead to lead on all areas of academy improvement.

The central team are focusing on improving operational efficiency. Recent improvements have included an upgrade to the finance package. We are currently in the process of deploying an online learning resource suite which includes safeguarding and health and safety training among other topics, educareforeducation.com has been purchased for every academy and is available for staff and governors. In addition a business management software package by EVERY which allows the Trust to track compliance and Headteachers to concentrate of teaching and learning. Finance officers are currently being trained.

Coming in the spring are a central resource and communication platform and a review of finance regulations.

High Quality Sport:

Congratulations to Vine Academy Howbridge Junior School who have been awarded the highest possible Gold in the School Games Mark. This is in recognition of the high quality sports completions and PE lessons delivered at Howbridge.

Sean and the Howbridge team would be delighted to talk to any Vine Academy interested in exploring this award and improving their PE / sports provision.





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Selflessness

Holders of public office should act solely in terms of the public interest. They should not do so in order to gain financial or other benefits for themselves, their family or their friends.

Integrity

Holders of public office should not place themselves under any financial or other obligation to outside individuals or organisations that might seek to influence them in the performance of their official duties.

Objectivity

In carrying out public business, including making public appointments, awarding contracts, or recommending individuals for rewards and benefits, holders of public office should make choices on merit.

Accountability

Holders of public office are accountable for their decisions and actions to the public and must submit themselves to whatever scrutiny is appropriate to their office.

7 'Nolan Principles' of public life

Openness

Holders of public office should be as open as possible about all the decisions and actions they take. They should give reasons for their decisions and restrict information only when the wider public interest clearly demands.

Honesty

Holders of public office have a duty to declare any private interests relating to their public duties and to take steps to resolve any conflicts arising in a way that protects the public interest.



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Leadership

Holders of public office should promote and support these principles by leadership and example.

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