

HFCMAT NEWS

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CEO Welcome

Dear colleagues,

Welcome back to the start of our new academic year. Over the first few weeks there has been a hive of activity across all our schools as we welcome the new pupils in and for our secondary colleagues, open our schools to prospective parents for a new Y7 cohort. I know the work that has gone into all of these activities and thank you for your energised return to our schools.

Last Sunday was Education Sunday as the whole Catholic community kept all educators in their prayers.

Churches Together in England (CTE) rightly describes teaching and studying as “demanding and privileged callings” and Education Sunday gave the opportunity to give thanks to God for all who teach and all who study, for all who continually have to find the right words and deliver them with enthusiasm and graciousness. This is even more poignant given the roles that you have all played throughout the last years disrupted by the pandemic.

Education Sunday was followed by our start of year Mass at St Michael and All Angels Parish Church last Wednesday. During this celebration, the Bishop expressed his thanks and appreciation for all staff who work in our schools. He recognised the incredible work that has taken place over the last years, as COVID has disrupted every part of what we do. I echo that thanks and hope that this year gives us more stability to move our schools forward.

At the start of this year, we shared information around the Trust and the central team that will be supporting all schools. Over coming weeks and months, we aim to introduce those new to our organisation and share more about those who are new to roles. This will be where possible, in person at schools but also through regular newsletters. We will begin with members of our education and estates team today and will build on this in future editions. We will also be celebrating achievements and good news from across our schools. Please let us know if you would like to share anything across the community.

This year marks a return to some sort of normality across the country and we hope for calmer waters as we move into the term. Over the last years you have all shown how your dedication, commitment and adaptability, espoused in our values of innovation and courage, have built up the trust our families have placed in you. You deserve the respect that you have achieved.

We move into this new year with courage again and look towards the future and towards our trust vision of Formation - Inspiration - Transformation.

The last years have caused us to react in the face of a global pandemic. We now build on what we have learnt, grow together and build practice to inspire each other and the children in our schools. This will bring us the transformation that we know education can provide for individuals across our schools and society as a whole.

I look forward to working with you all as we move into this new year together.

Thank you for your dedication to our schools and take care - Andy



Welcome to the HFCMAT family

St John Plessington Catholic College - New staff

Name	Role
Miss Tamsyn Carew	Teacher of D&T
Mr Chris Doyle	Teacher of Maths
Miss Zoe Ellis	Teacher of Science
Mr Jonathan Hoey	Teacher of Media
Mis Hannah Macro	Teacher of RE
Miss Jenna Martineau	Teacher of RE
Mr Nathan McEwan	Teacher of PA Drama
Miss Lauren Squire	Teacher of Business/ICT
Mrs LynseyStearne	Teacher of D&T Food
Miss Hannah Vigus	Teacher of Science
Miss Dana Whitby	Teacher of Maths

St Mary's Catholic College - New staff

Name	Role
Peadar McLoughlin	Interim Headteacher
Ammna Rowlands	Teacher of Business
Brenda Read	Teacher of Maths
Kate Lloyd	Teacher of RE
Stephen Williams	Teacher of Maths
Rebecca Price	Inclusion Teacher
Sean Usher	Inclusion Teacher
Seanin Ledgewood	Teacher of ICT
Martin Roberts	Teacher of DT
Anya Harrison	Teacher of Science
Kevin Roxby	Teacher of Geography
Kaylee Schumann Edwards	TA 2
Zoe Ward	TA 2
Barbara New	TA 2 Element Centre



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St Bernard's - New staff

Name	Role
Katie Betts	Apprentice
Becky Simpson	ITT student
Carly McCarthy	ITT student
Beth Dixon	EY teacher in Little Bears preschool

Our Lady of Pity - New staff

Name	Role
Olivia Findlay	ITT student

School Direct

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Miss Emma Bogue	School Direct
Mr Jack Bolderstone	School Direct
Mr Joseph Callaghan	School Direct
Miss Verónica Carrálcazar	School Direct
Miss Lianne Drummond	School Direct
Mr Daniel Eames	School Direct
Mr Richard Irving	School Direct
Miss Katherine Lang	School Direct
Mr Jinghua Li	School Direct
Miss Charlotte McLaughlin	School Direct
Mr Fearghus O'Sullivan	School Direct



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Megan Dixon - Director of Education (interim)



Before joining the Holy Catholic Family Multi-Academy Trust, Megan was the Director of English at the Aspire Educational Trust and Director of the Aspirer Research School. She has a wealth of school leadership, school improvement and policy experience, including working for the Education Endowment Foundation and as a Local Authority consultant, as a Head Teacher, teacher trainer and a teacher. She has balanced a career in school with an academic career and is currently studying for a Phd at the University of Sussex. Megan writes a weekly column for the Times Educational Supplement, regularly presents at conferences and is often found writing in collaboration with researchers and academics. You can find her at @DamsonEd.

She is looking forward to working with everyone; learning from and with colleagues and putting the outcomes for students at the heart of it all.

Steve Jevons - Executive Headteacher (Primary Schools)

Steve Jevons has recently been appointed as the Executive Headteacher of the primary schools within our MAT. Steve was previously the Head of School at St Bernard's for a number of years and continues to be a Director of Ignite Institute - formerly Ignite TSA. He has extensive experience of school to school support and organising CPD events for staff at all levels in schools. He is passionate about ITT and continues to lead the Ignite School Direct programme.



In his new role, he is looking forward to supporting our schools and strengthening collaboration across the Trust, ultimately leading to improved outcomes for children.

Graham Morris - Estates Manager



Graham Morris is the new Estates Manager for the MAT. Before joining us, Graham worked for a group of eight primary schools on the Wirral, looking after Compliance and Facilities Management and enjoyed great success in improving compliance across the group as well as improving facilities. Prior to this he was Facilities Manager for Woodchurch High School and assisted in overseeing the £26m rebuild of the school before setting up the new systems and procedures for operating the new school.

He is looking forward to getting to know staff and working with them to improve compliance and to overcome challenges and find solutions that lead to an improvement in facilities and premises for all.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Dr Andy Forbes on completing his doctorate! Andy teaches at St Mary's Catholic College and in working towards his Doctorate of Education (EdD) he has developed a particular interest in how it is possible to construct notions of critical professionalism, grounded in research, and framed within key collaborative spaces such as Professional Learning Communities.

Seven years of hard work and dedication have culminated in this great achievement - well done, Andy!

Opportunities

Foundation Governors

We currently have several vacancies for foundation governors at our schools. Governors are a key part of the leadership and management of our schools and their work supports the directors in their direction-setting and oversight of the trust. Under the direction of the Trust Board, governors help to make decisions about how funding is spent and support and challenge school leaders. They are a vital part of any successful school. If you are interested in finding out more please contact the MAT clerk - llowe@hfcmat.com. Foundation governors must be Catholics; if you are interested in governance but are not a Catholic there are staff governors on each local governing body so keep a lookout for when vacancies arise.

Level 2 Teaching Assistant - OLOP

If you are a dedicated and ambitious individual who has a real passion for working with children and thrives on collaboration and innovation, we have an exciting opportunity to offer.

The Governors of Our Lady of Pity would like to invite applications from excellent, enthusiastic and engaging individuals for the post of Teaching Assistant. This is a unique opportunity to work in Our Lady of Pity Catholic Primary School.

For further details about this unique role and how to apply, please contact Holy Family Catholic Multi Academy Trust via email: recruitment@hfcmat.com and complete the Support Application Form attached, or visit www.hfcmat.com

Dear Lord,

Thank you for the gift of Catholic schools.

Thank you for all those who have given their talents to educating our young people. Through the challenges they encounter each day, lead them to an ever deeper appreciation of the sacred duty to which you have called them.

Thank you for all those who contribute to the efficient running of our schools: support staff, kitchen staff, maintenance staff, governors and chaplains. We thank them for their hard work and dedication.

Thank you for all those who lead our Catholic schools. May they be people of integrity so that they can be witnesses as well as teachers. We pray that the schools they lead will become places where our young people can experience your love in their lives.

Thank you for our pupils. May your love strengthen and nurture them through the influence and example of those who care for them. We pray that through their time at school they will flourish and grow to discover who you have called them to be.

We make this prayer through your Son, Jesus Christ, our teacher and our Lord.

Amen.