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A regular news sheet for
Governors of Schools
throughout the Bradford District

To achieve school improvement through the effective governance of schools

June 2013



Consultation:

Keeping Children Safe in Education

The purpose of this consultation is to gather views on the Government's proposals to reform safeguarding requirements and guidance in schools and further education colleges by:

- issuing new safeguarding guidance to schools and further education colleges to replace the current Safeguarding Children and Safer Recruitment in Education and
- removing the regulation which makes it a requirement for at least one member of a recruitment panel in a school to have undertaken training in safer recruitment approved by the Secretary of State.

The full consultation document can be found at <https://www.education.gov.uk/consultations> and the closing date for responses is 20 June 2013.

Public Forum for Education

The Public Forum for Education holds "big conversations" throughout the year on topical issues in education. With an independent chair Margaret Platts MBE, the Forum enables everyone with an interest to contribute their views. The following topics will be covered this year:

- Wednesday 19 June
The Families First initiative (One in a Million School)
- Wednesday 18 September
The Born in Bradford initiative, (held in Banqueting Suite, City Hall)
- Wednesday 20 November
The importance of reading (venue - to be confirmed)

Meetings will start at 4.30pm with a buffet from 4pm. If you would like to attend please confirm by either email Public.Forum.for.Education@bradford.gov.uk or telephone Heidi Hardy on (01274) 432337.

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Governor Area Briefings

The Summer Term 2013 Governor Area Briefings will take place as follows :

Monday 17 June 2013,
6pm at Future House,
Bolling Road, Bradford 4
Or

Tuesday 18 June 2013,
6pm at Victoria Primary School,
Cartmel Road, Keighley

An Agenda and Briefing Notes will be sent to all area briefing representatives. If you would like to attend please contact School Governor Service on (01274) 385629 or e-mail school.governor@bradford.gov.uk

School Governance Policy Overview

We want to help governors and those that work with them to understand the national policy framework for school governance.

We have produced a set of PowerPoint slides that we have used to support communication and discussion. These have received positive feedback and stakeholders have requested that they be made available for wider use. We are therefore publishing them so that they can be used freely by governing bodies, or at governor training sessions or conferences. These are also available to download in accessible PDF format.

Please contact School Governor Service -- school.governor@bradford.gov.uk

Governor Training

Places are still available for governors to attend the following courses:

Human Resource Strategy –

Wednesday 12 June
@ Victoria Primary School
or Tuesday 9 July

Children In Care –

Thursday 13 June

Staff Absence Strategies –

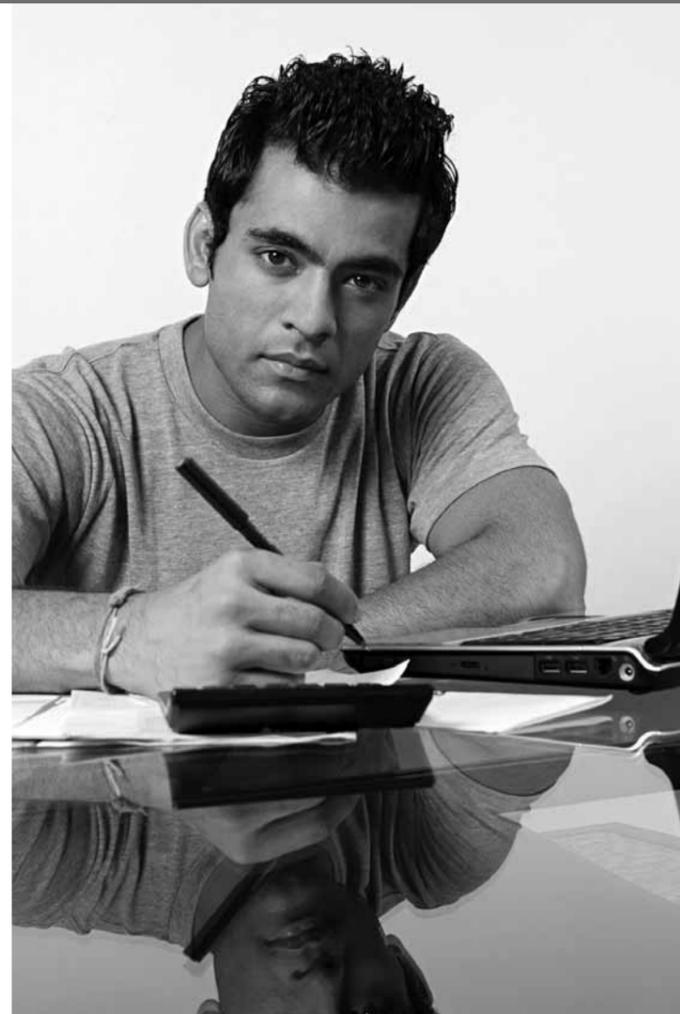
Wednesday 26 June

Recruiting and Selecting the Right Staff –

Monday 1 July

All the above courses run
7.15 – 9.15pm at Future House
unless otherwise stated.

If you would like to book on any of the above or any of the courses in the Spring Term Prospectus please e-mail school.governor@bradford.gov.uk or phone (01274) 385629.



The Governors' Handbook



The Governors' Handbook has now been published. The Handbook replaces the Governors' Guide to the Law and it provides information about the role and legal duties of governing bodies in maintained schools and academies (including free schools).

Section 1 outlines the core role and functions of school governing bodies, all governors should read this section.

Sections 2 to 8 summarise all of the specific legal duties on governing bodies –providing a first point of reference for those with a specific area of interest.

Further reading, signposted from within each section, provides more detailed information on governing bodies' legal duties and any supporting guidance or resources

The Handbook is now available at the DfE website at: <http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/leadership/governance/b00224781/govhandbook>

The DfE would welcome any feedback by email to the School.Governance@education.gsi.gov.uk mailbox.

Outdoor Learning

For the third year running Ingleborough Hall successfully attained **GOLD** standard following an inspection by the Association of Heads of Outdoor Education Centres.



At any centre displaying the Gold standard logo you can be assured of a safe and quality outdoor experience. All Gold standard centres are also accredited to both the LOfC Quality Badge and for Adventuremark. This gives further reassurance of the quality and safety of your chosen provider. This is all in addition to the statutory AALA Licence issued by the HSE for Adventure Activities.

Careers Advice in Secondary Schools

In 2012 the duty to provide careers guidance to all students in Years 9 -11 (the universal service) moved from the Local Authority to schools, although the government provided no additional funding for schools to provide this service.

Nearly all of our secondary schools, secondary special schools and FE colleges went into partnership with the Local Authority, and following a competitive tender the contract to provide both universal and targeted Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance Services was awarded to Prospects. Delivery began on 1st Sept 2012.

It has now been confirmed by government that the duty to provide careers guidance will be

extended down to Year 8 and up to Year 13 as from 1st September 2013.

Schools within the CEIAG Partnership have two options. They can re-organise the way in which they are offering their existing service to include students in Y8 and post 16. This can be done in conversation with Jenny Cryer or Shazia Qureshi (01274 377800). Or schools may wish to purchase additional service from Prospects. Again, this can be discussed with Jenny or Shazia.

The few schools that are making their own arrangements should ensure that their service includes Year 8, Year 12 and Year 13 students from September 2013.

The Bradford Music Education Hub Launch



St. George's Hall Bradford, Saturday 6 July 2013, 11am – 3pm

Following the successful bid to become lead partner for the Bradford Music Education Hub, we are delighted to announce its launch on 6 July 2013 and we would love it if you could join us!

Secondary Schools: As part of the launch there will be a programme of performances throughout the day and in various areas within St George's Hall. We are organising an acoustic performance area and another space for rock/pop acts. We are looking for good quality rock/pop/electric groups, as well as smaller acoustic soloists/duets etc. who would perform a 10 – 15 minute slot sometime between 11am – 3pm. This would give them a wider audience, including dignitaries from the Bradford district. If you have students that are interested in performing at this event please send a recording or video clip e.g. youtube clip, to Felicity French at The Music & Arts Service, Dept of Children's Services, Future House, Bolling Road, Bradford, BD4 7EB or email me (see below). We will select acts according to what will make a varied and effective programme.

Primary Schools: We are offering the opportunity for you to bring your school choir along to perform a 10 – 15 minute slot sometime between 11am – 3pm in front of a wide audience, including dignitaries from the

Bradford district. You may like to bring a Year 6 group to perform a section of their end of year production complete with costumes. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Please email felicity.french@bradford.gov.uk or helen.richmond@bradford.gov.uk by 21 May 2013 to let us know you want to take part, and we will get back to you shortly after that.

The main event will take place at 12 noon, when we will have Matthew Wolfenden, aka 'David Metcalf' from Emmerdale & Dancing On Ice Champion 2012 to officially launch the Bradford Music Education Hub.

As well as the many performance opportunities throughout the day there will also be a room of iPad's where you, your students and their families can try their hand at garageband and they can also sign up for Taiko drumming workshops that will be taking place throughout the day.

There will be stands showcasing the work of various partners of the Bradford Music Education Hub, where you can learn more about what's happening musically in Bradford.

If you have any queries about this event, please contact 01274 385555, or email felicity.french@bradford.gov.uk.



The Changing Landscape: Impact on the education of Muslim Children

Saturday 15 June 2013, 10am – 4pm,
Bradford University Management Centre,
Emm Lane, Bradford, BD9 4JL

Education Conference 2013

The education landscape in the UK has seen some radical changes over the last few years. There are now a range of schools opening in Bradford with widely differing funding and governance arrangements, particularly in relation to the development of Academies, Free Schools or Trusts.

The new system has been designed to provide increased autonomy by giving schools more control over the curriculum and more choice for parents.

The conference will discuss the impact of these changes and how the 3 A's (Admissions, Attendance and Attainment) impact on Muslim children's educational attainment and their future prospects.

Who should attend?

Parents, governors, teachers, policymakers, community members and stakeholders.

The conference is being organised by Bradford Council in partnership with Council for Mosques.

For booking and further information please contact:

Javed Bashir, Department of Children's Services, Bradford Council on 01274 385621 or email javed.bashir@bradford.gov.uk

M. Ibrahim, Khidmat Centre, Council for Mosques, on 01274-521792 or email m.ibrahim@khidmat.org.uk

DfE Announces Technical Baccalaureate



The Department for Education (DfE) have launched the new Technical Baccalaureate (TechBacc), a performance measure which aims to raise the status of post-16 vocational education. Skills Minister, Matthew Hancock, described it as “rigorous and challenging” and said it will put 16-19 vocational study on a par with A-Levels. The TechBacc will not be a qualification in itself, but will instead provide evidence of employer-friendly skills. It will consist of three elements:

- a Level 3 vocational qualification
- a Level 3 “core maths” qualification, including AS level maths.
- the extended project. This will develop and test students’ skills in extended writing, communication, research, and self-discipline and self-motivation.

Only vocational qualifications deemed to be of “high quality” will count. There is currently

a consultation taking place to decide which vocational qualifications will be included, with a list of eligible qualifications to be published later this year. The TechBacc will be aimed at teenagers who want qualifications for jobs in areas such as retail and hospitality management, digital media, IT, engineering and construction. It represents one of the final stages in the government's work over the past two years to implement the 27 recommendations of Professor Alison Wolf's review of vocational education.

The wording in this publication can be made available in other formats such as large print and Braille. Please call 01274 385629.

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