

# December Mailing 2009

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## DIOCESAN MATTERS

### 1. **Goodbyes**

David Scott is leaving All Saints College in Newcastle after serving as principal for over five years. David's leadership has made a significant impact on the development of our first secondary school and we are grateful to him for all that he has contributed. Su Adkinson also retires after more than eight years at Whitley Chapel First School where she too has served the school with distinction. We send Su and David all good wishes for their retirement.

Tim Jones returns to his school in Ponteland following his acting headship at All Saints First in Morpeth. We offer him our thanks and gratitude for the stability and expertise he was able to bring to the school in such a difficult time.

### 2. **New Heads Day**

This is now taking place at Church on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January. Details will be sent out in early January.

### 3. **Education Conference**

The theme for this conference is 'Excellence through Distinctiveness' which is to be held at Dissington Hall on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March. Further information will be sent out in due course.

### 4. **Leavers Service**

This service will take place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 11am in St Nicholas Cathedral. Again, further information will follow in due course.

**5. SIAS – update**

Please note that schools should now use the National Society framework and toolkit 2009 for all SIAS inspections.

**6. V A schools – finance update**

*a.* All invoices dated December 2009 which are to be paid from your DFC must be received in Church House no later than Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January.

*b.* Bids for LCVAP are due in Church House by 11<sup>th</sup> January.

*c.* There are a few schools that have not spent all off their DFC allocation for 2007/08. As most of you know any unspent monies can be claimed back by the DCSF. Eileen will be contacting schools at the beginning of January to look at ways of ensuring that any unspent year one monies are not lost.

**7. Fenwicks Christmas Window**

You can view photographs and videos of the display by logging on to [newcastlephotos.blogspot.com/.../fenwicks-christmas-window-2009](http://newcastlephotos.blogspot.com/.../fenwicks-christmas-window-2009).

You can also show your support and email Fenwicks directly at [philipdavidson@fenwick.co.uk](mailto:philipdavidson@fenwick.co.uk)

**NATIONAL MATTERS**

**1. Holocaust Memorial Day 2010**

Become part of ‘The Legacy of Hope’ on Holocaust Memorial Day 27<sup>th</sup> January 2010. On the 27<sup>th</sup> January a new education website is launched offering new themes on all subjects, for all ages and its FREE. Please visit <http://education.hmd.org.uk>

**2. Stapleford Centre**

The Stapleford Centre has launched an exciting new free resource to support the teaching of RE in primary schools. Their website address is [www.stapleford-centre.org/index](http://www.stapleford-centre.org/index)

**Finally, after another full and busy term we would like to wish you a restful holiday, a very Happy Christmas and God’s richest blessing in 2010.**

**Margaret, Brian and Eileen**

**“For God so loved the world that he gave his only son ....” (John 3:16)**