

HEADTEACHERS' NOTICEBOARD AND TASK LIST

Friday 13 March

1. **Next DSL Meeting:** for those who attend them, please can you vote on the date for the next one; if not you, please can you remind your DSL to do so – it'll be in May, in person. Sophy sent out a Doodle poll the week before last.

Action where relevant

- Please respond/remind your DSL to respond to the poll
2. **AI Grand Round:** we have decided to launch a 'grand round' (a term coined by the NHS) where we are going to have a go at using AI, then share our learning and challenges each half term; perhaps having a go at building an agent. The starting point should be, 'What is your problem and how can you use AI to help leverage a solution?' If you want a 1-2-1 with Alexa, she can share the sorts of things that are possible during a half-hour planning session; she's offering to do this on Thursdays. The idea is to then have a termly meeting showing where people have got to with this – 3 people could share their learnings, which could be pre-recorded videos/voice memos.

Action for Headteachers

- Think about an issue you're having; book some time in with Alexa; prepare to share your results with this group during the Summer term.
3. **The Next 30 Years: Substack by Robert Pondisco.** Please read two recent articles: [The 10-Year Test for Durable Schools - by Robert Pondiscio](#) publ. 5 March and [Good Schools Don't Beat Staff Turnover. They're Built for It.](#) publ. 26 Feb.

Action for Headteachers

- Please read both articles

4. **Cyber Security:** educational establishments are getting more cyber-attacks than private sector businesses; the peak times for attacks are April/May and September/October. Every Trust school has its own RPA cover, and one condition is that all staff **must** complete the annual NCSC training. In the event of a claim, the RPA will ask to see the staff records of completion before the current cover year has started, or before the date of the claim. The RPA has confirmed that if a school cannot provide evidence for this at the point when a claim is made, then the claim will be rejected.

Action for Headteachers

- Please respond to the following: how are you tracking that all your staff have completed the NCSC training, and how are you recording compliance? Please send your responses to Shalene.

5. Charter Conference: sessions and speakers booked so far:

Speaker	Time	Status
Marc Rowland	9:15 – 10:00am	Confirmed
Amjad Ali	9:15 – 10:00am	Confirmed
Mandy Coalter	9:15 – 10:00am	In talks
Diana Osagie	14:15 – 15:00 + workshop 3	Confirmed
Kenny Imafidon	14:15 – 15:00	Confirmed

6. **For Primary Schools: Royal Opera House's RBO Youth Opera Programme:** applications are being accepted for places on the Youth Opera programmes for the 2026-2027 season (beginning in September 2026). This is a **free opportunity** for young singers aged 8-11 in and around London; please spread the word to **pupils, families, or colleagues** who may know young people that would enjoy singing and performing. The ROH particularly welcomes applications from those typically under-represented within youth singing programmes, including those who are from global majority heritages, lower-income backgrounds, boys and children with disabilities. Further details will be shared.

Action for primary Headteachers

- Please share this information in your parent newsletters

7. **Pupil restraint/Positive Handling/KCSIE 26 updates from Lucy Ellis:** this was covered in the recent DSL catch-up. Would you like this to be the focus of a whole HTB?

Action for Headteachers

- Please let Sophy know; if there's enough interest, it'll be scheduled for Friday 27 March

8. **Staff and pupil bereavement support:** training offer from St. Christopher's Hospices. The Community Action Management Team of **St Christopher's Hospice** (South London) propose delivering free bereavement support training for staff across the Charter Trust. They also offer PSHE resource development/ assemblies for Bereavement and Grief topics. They are in the early stages of developing some new resources for schools, and a part of this would be grief and loss awareness training for staff.

Action for Headteachers

- Contact Sophy to be put in touch with the St Christopher's team