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## Introduction

Dear Colleagues,

Thank you to all the SBMs, Heads, senior staff and governors who have attended our Operational Review consultation events in recent weeks. The sessions have been thoughtful and an opportunity to explore some perspectives that we would not otherwise have considered. The response to the consultation is on the [MS Form](#), so please respond by **Friday 9 February** (this Friday) at **5pm**, if you have any views that you would like the board to consider. Although our thoughts have been inward and focussed on our own structures, you may be interested in this [Schoolsweek article](#) that shows how much in-step we are in our maturing of Trust structures, and in facing the national shambles of school funding.

One theme that has emerged strongly in the meetings is the importance of the right scale and quality of staff in our central team. I am therefore very glad to welcome Ollie Carter as senior HR Advisor. Ollie is very much made in LSP as he is an alumnus of Gordano School and recently worked at Backwell. Developing our excellent people through several roles in the Trust is a goal that we are working hard on. We all benefit if we can extend the lease on excellent colleagues.

I'm going to finish on an indulgent note. Tonight I am going to be a guest at Backwell School's production of West Side Story. I am anticipating a magical evening that will banish thoughts of the ESFA and all the bureaucracy of modern educational leadership. Colleagues in the central team are always glad to share the joy (and the credit!) for our pupils' successes, please do let us know when we can crash the party!

*Gary Lewis*  
*Chief Executive*



## Consultations: Operational Review and Core Services Charge

Thank you to all stakeholders who have attended the Operational Review sessions over the past few weeks.

A reminder that the deadline for comments and formal feedback on both the Operational Review and Core Services Charge consultations is **5.00pm on Friday (9 February)**. Feedback should be supplied on the online form linked in the Consultation Special Edition Bulletin (emailed on Tuesday 16 January).

## INSET Day - link for support staff

As part of the INSET day on Monday 19 February myself and Gary Lewis will be holding a short 10-15 minute online session for secondary support staff. It will begin at 1.40pm and will be looking at the 'secondary roadmap'.

The link for this meeting is below. Please can you share this information and the link with your support staff so that they can log on to join the session.

The session will be recorded for those who cannot attend this time slot and we will circulate the video link as swiftly as possible after the session.

### Microsoft Teams meeting - INSET day for Secondary Support Staff

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 387 037 129 829

Passcode: YMxYEG

Any questions please feel free to [email me](#).

*Natalie Wilcox*

*Director of Secondary Education*





## Term 4 Clerking Catch-Up Sessions

Thank you to all those who attended the 'Clerking Catch-up' sessions this term. I feel they have been really helpful, and we have all benefited from the discussion held. It would be great to see more of our Clerks attending future session so I thought I would confirm the dates for the Term 4 sessions:

Wednesday 28 February	All sessions are 1.00-2.00pm online via MS Teams (Clerks have been emailed the link directly)
Wednesday 13 March	
Wednesday 27 March	

I hope to see you all at an online session soon.

*Chris Hills*

*Governance Professional*

## Clerk end of term housekeeping

As we come to the end of term a few 'housekeeping reminders':

The following items/documents need to be emailed through to [lgbreturns@lsp.org.uk](mailto:lgbreturns@lsp.org.uk) after review by your LGB/following completion:

- Minutes from LGB Meetings
- Minutes from Health and Safety Committee Meetings
- Debbie Coker has also asked that minutes from Ethos Committees are sent through (where in place in our church schools)
- Reviewed and updated risk registers

Also a reminder to ensure you swiftly keep the Central Team updated with any changes to your LGB by [completing this online form](#).





## Upcoming Lighthouse Learning Sessions and CPD Networks

Please email [Lighthouse Learning](mailto:info@lighthouselearning.co.uk) if you have any questions about the below events.

Date	Event	Audience
<b>Term 3</b>		
Thursday 8 February 6:30 - 7:30pm	<p><b>Pupil Premium Training.</b> Online.</p> <p>As part of their role governors should understand how Pupil Premium is spent in their school, why and how the impact of this is monitored.</p> <p><a href="#">Click here</a> to register for this webinar.</p>	All Governors (PP links)
Tuesday 27 February 7.00-8.30pm  and Wednesday 28 February 10.30am-12.00noon	<p><b>LSP New Governor Training Session.</b></p> <p>An introduction to Governance within the LSP: for new governors and current governors looking to refresh their skills.</p> <p>Session led by Chair of Trustees.</p> <p>The sessions are duplicates of each other so those who wish to attend only need to come to one of the two (not both).</p> <p>Please ask your Clerk for the online link to attend.</p>	Governors
Wednesday 6 March 2024  5:30 - 6:30pm	<p><b>NEW: Secondary Assessment Data</b></p> <p>Led by Director of Secondary Education</p> <p>A chance to learn more about Progress 8 and Attainment 8 including how to analyse and challenge the data.</p> <p><a href="#">Click here</a> to register for this webinar.</p>	Secondary Governors

## Senior Mental Health Lead Training Grant

Apply for a [senior mental health lead training](#) grant to equip your mental health lead with the knowledge and skills to implement an effective whole school or college approach to mental health and wellbeing.

All schools and colleges can [claim a £1,200 grant](#) by **Sunday 31 March** for their mental health lead to attend DfE quality assured training anytime in the spring or summer academic terms, 2024. The training will help your mental health lead develop your setting's holistic approach to promoting and supporting the mental health and wellbeing of pupils, learners and staff.

If you previously claimed a grant and your trained lead has left your setting, you can also now apply for a 2nd grant.

## Sally Franklin SEND Training Session

### SEND in mainstream schools - EEF guidance and recommendations

Wednesday 7 February, 3.30 - 5pm

This session will explore the five EEF recommendations around special educational needs in mainstream schools, and how they can be used practically by teachers and SENCOs to embed good practice across the school.

**Topic:** EEF SEND Guidance

**Time:** Feb 7, 2024 03:30 PM London

**Join Zoom Meeting:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81242084908?pwd=ZCaHAY4Cdxaig4GDwcer0F4jVyRdur.1>

**Meeting ID:** 812 4208 4908

**Passcode:** 294606



## Creative Writing Showcase Poster

[Click here](#) for a copy of the poster below to print and share in your school

### Showcase your creative writing ability with Somerset Anne Frank Youth Awards!

**Nominations Open**  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

**Nominations Close**  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February

**Awards Ceremony**  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March

**Venue**  
Wells Cathedral

**Author**  
Wafa' Tarnowska

We welcome all 9-18 year olds in Somerset to submit a piece of creative writing based on the chosen quote. Poetry, prose, diary entry or short story, all entries must be a maximum of 500 words and submitted online.

Award categories from Upper KS2-KS5. All shortlisted entrants will receive a copy of 'The Diary of a Young Girl - Anne Frank' and a certificate of recognition.

**Prizes in each age category are as follows:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: £75 in book tokens.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place £50 in book tokens.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place £25 in book tokens.

To check out our website for more information, just scan the QR code, or visit us at [www.safya.org.uk](http://www.safya.org.uk)



**“We can’t control  
our destiny, but  
we can control  
who we become.”**

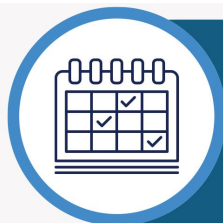
**- Anne Frank**



# KEY LINKS, DATES AND DEADLINES

These reminders do not replace the Annual Planner so please ensure you are checking this regularly.

*Please note the following links will only work for those who already have access to the relevant site or folder. If you feel you need to be given permission to access something please [let us know](#).*



## Annual Planner

Click to view the Annual Planner  
(Via Sharepoint)

## Bulletin Index

Click to access an index of  
previous bulletin articles



## Previous Bulletins

Click to access previous editions of the  
LSP Weekly News Bulletin

## The Beacon

Click to read the latest edition of the  
LSP Newsletter: The Beacon



DATE	KEY DATE OR DEADLINE	FAO
5.00pm on Friday 9 February	Deadline for feedback on Operational Review and Core Services Charge Consultations.	Heads, SBMs and Governors