

## Dear Colleagues and Friends,

This Sunday was the second Sunday of Advent, the season during which Christians wait with anticipation for the arrival of Jesus, who they believe is God the Son, God in human flesh. On this particular Sunday, many churches share a prayer that draws from Thomas Cranmer's preface to the 1549 Book of Common Prayer: that people should "hear, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest" the Bible. The last bit is key – the point is not only to listen to, read, memorise, analyse the words in the Bible, but to think on them and reflect deeply on the messages they convey. This prayer moves swiftly from head knowledge (texts in the Bible) to heart knowledge (wisdom).



We ask something similar of the curriculum you deliver in your schools: that pupils should not simply know more and remember more, but be able to engage deeply with their learning so that they are able to make wise choices in their own lives. At the heart of this is both imagination and faith. Christians see the world and engage in it as it really is, but through deep reflection, they are able to imagine ways in which it could be better and they have faith that, with God's support, they can bring about something of these changes.

This time is a time of transformation for Christians. It is a time in which the whole of creation holds its breath and waits with faith for the child who gifts those around him with the imagination to see how the world could be other than it is. We know that this is your work too: you see things as they really are – the good and the bad, - and imagine how they could be better. We are in awe of the ways in which your faith in that better future is transformational for the adults and children in your care. We wish you a smooth and peaceful week, and joyful anticipation for the events to come in the last few weeks of term.

from **Gillian Georgiou**, RE & SIAMS Advisor



### Upcoming LDBE Courses—

For more information—click the links below!

06-12-22	17.30-19.00	Clerk to Governor Briefing	<a href="#">Online—click here</a>
09-12-22	10.00-12.00	IDSR	<a href="#">Face to face—click here</a>



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2023  
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10am**

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Tritton Rd, Lincoln,  
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10am-3:30pm  
£180 school staff (non SLA £285)  
£140 Governors (non SLA £220)  
£75 Clergy





## Picture News Christmas Campaign 2022

Please find attached to this email, the Picture News Christmas Campaign 2022—please see below from Katie at Picture News:

I'm very excited to share our Picture News Christmas Campaign for 2022! This year, given the difficult circumstances many are facing with the cost of living crisis, we've decided to give children the chance to think about the things that really matter to us and what gifts we can give that don't cost anything. The full instructions and everything you need can be found in the details attached.

We absolutely love seeing and reading your ideas so please email them to [help@picture-news.co.uk](mailto:help@picture-news.co.uk) and on social media, use the hashtag #giftswecanallgive

We hope you enjoy taking part and we can't wait to hear all of your children's ideas!