School Noticeboard

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From the Director

Dear Colleagues,

Hope that you had a good half-term break which was certainly needed before you all struggled with freezing temperatures and a decidedly mixed weather forecast. At the time of writing this we were continuing to monitor the weather and although continued snow had been predicted from later today it seemed unlikely that there will be sufficient snow for us to consider issuing a blanket closure request for Birmingham schools. This will be kept under review but please make sure you have arrangements in place to notify parents and the local media if you take the decision to close.

Happy St David’s Day to all our Welsh friends. Dydd Gŵyl Dewi Hapus!

A few weeks ago we held our conference on Acting Globally. Well, we have taken that very literally as a group of us, at the invitation of the British Council, are visiting schools and the Departments for Education and Culture, Foreign Affairs and Religious Affairs in Indonesia. Plus visits to a range of schools around Jakarta. Our Indonesian colleagues are keen to make enduring links with Birmingham as England’s second city and a beacon of diversity. We hope that this visit will pave the way for twinning of schools with many possibilities of learning between us all. We will share more once back in Birmingham next week.

Just before the half-term break the Home Office undertook a Peer Review of Prevent in Birmingham. We’ll get a full report in due course but the headlines from the informal feedback were very pleasing. They recognised Birmingham’s extremely strong approach to Prevent, saw a deep understanding across the partnership and highly skilled professionals who are demonstrating genuine leadership. They also said that excellent work is taking place across Education. Well done to all involved, particularly Waqar Ahmed and Razia Butt.

There was a great article about No Outsiders in the Guardian during half-term. It’s available at https://www.theguardian.com/education/2018/feb/20/how-tackle-radicalisation-primary-school-birmingham if you have not already read it. More No Outsiders training dates are listed in this week’s Noticeboard.

Today is Offer Day for secondary school places with over 15,000 offers being sent out. A very busy time for Alan Michell and the School Admissions team.

You may have noticed that BCC recently published the school term dates for 2019/20 and 2020/21. These are available at www.birmingham.gov.uk/termdates.

The Headteacher briefings start next week and I’m pleased to see so many of you have booked to attend. There are some spaces left and you can find more information below. You’ll also see below a message from our Assistant Director for Communications, Eleri Roberts, asking for your feedback on how we communicate with you. Please do get in touch with your views.

Finally, you’ll see below details of the Education Show which is taking place between 15-17 March at the NEC. There’s also an invitation for Birmingham teachers and leaders to attend free networking drinks and a keynote speech by David Bishop, Head of Service for Alternative Provision, Attendance and Independent Schools, on Thursday 15 March.

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Colin
Feedback on communication with schools

As Colin mentioned above we would really like to hear from you about how the Council communicates with schools, particularly the weekly School Noticeboard, urgent messages that we send out and the termly Headteacher briefings.

We have received positive feedback about Noticeboard since it was introduced but we are also aware that it has its limitations. For example, we know that it can be difficult for you to search for items in past Noticeboards and that there is often a lot of content included each week. We are looking into options for improving Noticeboard to improve it and would very much welcome feedback from schools.

The termly Headteacher briefings continue to be well attended and we monitor and act on feedback submitted at these sessions. If there is anything else you’d like to see at these sessions, please do let us know. You can get in touch with Laura Hendry or me using our contact details below.

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Local Authority Headteacher Briefings: March 2018

As Colin mentioned above, the next Headteacher briefings will be taking place after half-term. Please book a place using the links below. Colin Diamond and Assistant Directors will be presenting at the sessions to provide you with an update of key issues from BCC. There will also be an opportunity for you to ask questions and raise concerns.

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*Please note that parking charges are now in operation at the mac*

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The Education Show: 15 - 17 March 2018
NEC Birmingham

This year we’re bringing the classroom to life! We’ll be sharing the latest practical resources and innovative solutions to make a real impact in your classroom for the school year ahead.
Be prepared to get hands-on... With **brand new workshops, demonstration areas and interactive zones**, the Education Show is set to be a fun-filled celebration. We’ve got over **225 exhibitors** on hand to walk you through their latest products, along with exclusive (and budget friendly) show discounts. This will be your chance to try new things, challenge students and bring creativity to your classroom.

Over three days you’ll hear from a range of speakers you simply wouldn’t meet on a regular training day. We’re buzzing with excitement at welcoming back **Michael Rosen** and **Darcey Bussell**, who’ll give us their artistic take on education. And with practical content galore across the show, you won’t be short of inspiration (or valuable lessons for your lesson plan).

Follow the link below for more information on the Education Show [https://www.education-show.com/visiting-the-education-show](https://www.education-show.com/visiting-the-education-show)


There will also be a keynote speech from BCC’s David Bishop, Head of Service for Alternative Provision, Attendance and Independent Schools.

**Nominate inspirational women for a book to be published later this year**

To mark the centenary of some women getting the vote, we’re publishing a book featuring Birmingham women who shaped our city and would love to receive nominations from schools?

Who do your pupils think blazed a trail for future generations?

Nominate by emailing InspiringWomen@birmingham.gov.uk. More information is available in the postcard at the end of this Noticeboard.

**Supervision courses for Education staff with a safeguarding role**

Following on from the half day DSL supervision course that has run over the past year, and by request from Safeguarding Leads, we are pleased to offer two new, half day, supervision courses that support group supervision and emotional resilience for education staff with a safeguarding role.

**Tuesday 12 June 2018: Group Supervision through Action Learning**

*Action Learning* is an evidence based solution focused model which supports professionals to find solutions to challenges in their work. Skills practiced in Action Learning compliment solution focused approaches to Early Help and FAST-Track to Attendance within a supported environment, and enable professionals to evidence their learning. As a group model Action Learning is especially suited to situations where groups of staff with a safeguarding role meet together.

This course supports delivery of the case file review section of the Birmingham supervision for DSLs model.

**Wednesday 25 May 2018: Restorative Supervision**
Restorative Supervision is a model built on a strong evidence base and has been tested across a wide range of professionals working in the helping and caring professions. The evidence tells us that individuals find this approach useful in supporting them to process their workplace experiences and is an effective way to restore their capacity to think clearly. Kindly note if you have accessed the standard supervision course from Sept 2017 you will have already received an overview of this course.

This course supports delivery of the professional development and personal support section of the Birmingham Supervision for DSLs model.

Both courses can be booked through the Birmingham Education Support Services website http://www.birminghameducationsupportservices.co.uk/Search/supervision

CONTACT: Julia Davey, Education Safeguarding
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Year 7 Catch Up Premium Allocations 2017/18

The Department for Education has determined the 2017/18 Year 7 Catch Up Premium Allocation for schools with Year 7 pupils.

The notification of this allocation for maintained schools has been published on the Birmingham City Council website and may be accessed via the following link: https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20124/working_in_schools/788/budgets_for_schools_in_birmingham/2

CONTACT: School Funding
EMAIL: fairfunding@birmingham.gov.uk

Early Years Noticeboard

The latest Early Years Noticeboard is available at https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/downloads/download/1869/school_noticeboard_spring_term_2018_updates.

Provision of School Improvement Services:
Contract Reference – P0431

The initial contract between Birmingham City Council (the Council) and Birmingham Education Partnership to deliver School Improvement Services is in place until the end of this academic year.

The Council wishes to put in place an invite for potential suppliers to express an interest in the provision of school improvement services. The proposed duration of the contract is for two years commencing 1 September 2018.

The Council is commissioning school improvement to raise standards in schools and to improve outcomes for all children and young people in the city. The service will extend across statutory school age provision, and include a focus on improving outcomes for vulnerable populations.
The Council will be using its free to use e-tendering system (in-tend) for the administration of this procurement process and potential suppliers must register with the system to be able to express an interest. If you wish to express an interest in this opportunity please click on the following link to access https://in-tendhost.co.uk/birminghamcc/ and submit your details to register. You will then be sent details on how to log on which will enable you to download all relevant Standard Selection Questionnaire (SQ) documentation.

The deadline for expressions of interest is 12 noon on 22 March 2018.

If you are unable to register with In-tend or have any questions or problems on how to use this web site please either email us at: cps@birmingham.gov.uk or call the CPS Helpdesk on 0121 464 8000.

Your completed SQ should be returned by 12 noon on 29 March 2018 via the ‘in-tend’ system https://in-tendhost.co.uk/birminghamcc

**School Organisation Proposal for St Benedict’s Infant School**

At the request of Governing Body of the school, Birmingham City Council is consulting on a proposal to make some changes to St Benedict’s Infant School with effect from 1st September 2018.

The changes are explained below;

- Alter the upper age limit from 7 years, to become 11 years
- The school’s age range will change from 3 – 7 years to 3 – 11 years
- If the proposal is approved this will result in the school becoming an all through primary school with class year groups from Reception through to Year 6.

We are now entering the statutory consultation (representation) stage; this started on 27 February 2018 and will run for four weeks.

We are keen to receive your views on this final proposal. Full details of the proposal and how to make comment are provided on the web link below.

Anyone wishing to make comments/objections on this final proposal must do so by 27 March 2018.

WEB LINK:  [www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/people-1/stbenedictsfinal](http://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/people-1/stbenedictsfinal)
CONTACT:  Education Infrastructure
EMAIL:  edsi.enquiries@birmingham.gov.uk
TEL:  0121 303 8847

**Sustaining Inclusion Devolved Place Model**

Thanks to the excellent leadership of Andy Wright and his team and work by the Operational leads of all secondary networks , the Secondary Head Teachers Forum has agreed to introduce the devolved places model of resources for young people who have been, or are in danger of being, permanently excluded.
This work has initiated an equitable approach to the devolution of these resources and has re-established the collaborative work of education with Health, Social Care and the Criminal Justice System.

The Operational Lead for each network has the full details of these developments and proposals. Alternatively, please contact Andy Wright (Andrew.Wright@birmingham.gov.uk) directly for further discussions.

The arrangements will commence in the new financial year.

Judith Woodfield, Chair of Secondary Forum

**World Autism Awareness Week: 26 March - 2 April**

The National Autistic Society have produced a pack of resources to support raising awareness of autism in schools during Autism Awareness Week later this month. When you sign up, you will receive downloadable lesson plans and resources about autism, in addition to a fundraising guide full of ideas and activities.


**CONTACT:** Communication and Autism Team  
**EMAIL:** Pam.Simpson@birmingham.gov.uk  
**TEL:** 0121 303 1792

**Procurement Service update**

- **BCC Supply Staff Contract:**  
  Reed Education is no longer part of the BCC Supply Staff contract with immediate effect.  
  The revised list of suppliers can be found here:  
  [http://www.birminghameducationsupportservices.co.uk/Pages/Download/3aaa5306-a344-4d66-9a49-78c61bea3a86](http://www.birminghameducationsupportservices.co.uk/Pages/Download/3aaa5306-a344-4d66-9a49-78c61bea3a86)

- **Coach/Minibus hire**  
  The Procurement Service is currently exploring the opportunity for a Coach/Mini Bus hire contract. With this in mind we wanted to establish the requirements for schools, your assistance will help form a robust tendering process which meets your needs.  
  Click here to take part:  
  [http://www.birminghameducationsupportservices.co.uk/Pages/Download/3aaa5306-a344-4d66-9a49-78c61bea3a86](http://www.birminghameducationsupportservices.co.uk/Pages/Download/3aaa5306-a344-4d66-9a49-78c61bea3a86)

**CONTACT:** Corporate Procurement Service helpdesk  
**EMAIL:** CPS@birmingham.gov.uk  
**TEL:** 0121 464 8000
Progress 8 Conference at Saint John Wall:  
Tuesday 6 March 9.30am - 12.30pm

Cost £50 per person or £80 for two people

9.30am – 11am: Welcome and tour of school, Katherine Marston (Head of School)
11am – 12pm: Presentation about Strategies used at Saint John Wall, Cathy Eldridge and Paul John (Assistant Principals)
12pm - 12.30pm: Observation of Route 55 meeting, Paul John

Email kmarston@sjw.bham.sch.uk if you would like to reserve a place.

No Outsiders in Our School: New training dates

Following the hugely successful No Outsiders training days at Parkfield Community School with Andrew Moffat MBE, and the excellent coverage in The Guardian during half term, we are delighted to announce further dates.

27 March 2018   /   9 May 2018   /   4 July 2018

All training takes place between 9am and 3pm and lunch is provided by our on-site chef.

This one day training course will enable participants to confidently and effectively use the ‘No Outsiders’ framework within their settings, supporting the objectives outlined in the Equality Act 2010 and sharing an inclusive curriculum with both children and parents.

- “Excellent session, a huge boost to my confidence in dealing with these issues” Teacher, Salford
- “A truly brilliant training course with so many valuable resources and a real passion for educating children in modern day Britain” Teacher, Birmingham

Cost: £200 per delegate (includes a copy of the No Outsiders book)
£350 for two delegates from the same setting

To book a place please contact Linda Vaughan by email lvauhan@parkfield.bham.sch.uk or telephone 0121 464 1131.

Functional skills training for parents

AT GLADSTONE LTD. currently delivers free, short accredited programmes at carefully selected centres/spaces to provide an inspiring atmosphere and environment for learners in many communities across the Midlands. They would like to extend their offer to include primary schools to reach parents, particularly women from ethnic minorities, to acquire skills to manage everyday activities such as parent/teacher relationships, medical appointments, travelling on public transport, city centre shopping, reading letters as well as to progress to further education or employment.
The team has over three decades experience of working with community based learning with a vision to help learners realise their potential to improve their everyday living.

Their provision includes
- Functional Skills from Pre-Entry levels to Level 2 in subjects, Maths, English and Speaking and Listening,
- Health & Safety
- First Aid
- NVQ (various subject areas)

Current outcomes have been outstanding, with learners building confidence, particularly in dealing with everyday matter and progressing to further opportunities: work experience, internships, traineeships, social enterprise and employment.

If you would like more information about accommodating provision at your school, please contact Yasmin – details below.

EMAIL: info@atgladstone.com
TEL: 07533 306 054

Free Pre Employment training programme: Teaching Assistants

Pilot IMS is working in partnership with Jobcentre Plus in Northfield to support lone parents to achieve their potential to move into sustainable employment.

One of the highest aspirational areas is around Teaching Assistant roles within schools. Pilot IMS has developed a training academy to support individuals in understanding and preparing them for the role. This is between 2 – 4 weeks in duration depending on individual’s circumstances and commitments.

Ideally, at the end of the programme all graduates who want to progress will be offered a work experience or placement lasting between 1 – 4 weeks and Pilot IMS would like to hear from any school within the area who could support the programme by offering work experience or placements to help local residents.

If you can help with this or would like any more information, please contact Pilot IMS – details below.

WEB LINK: http://pilotims.co.uk/pre-employment-support/
CONTACT: Pilot IMS
EMAIL: enq@pilotims.co.uk
TEL: 07557 403 531
Supporting suddenly bereaved children and young people seminar: Thursday 28 June 2018

Brake are holding a seminar in central Birmingham on Thursday 28 June 2018, which will provide an introduction to how children and young people experience and express grief, and how to support them through bereavement.

Speakers will cover best practice methods in supporting suddenly bereaved children, and will discuss symptoms and emotions commonly experienced after a sudden bereavement. Crucially, the event will also include sign-posting to a range of helpful services, resources and organisations.

Topics covered at the event will include content on cultural and religious issues that school staff may encounter when supporting suddenly bereaved children, an academic insight into how young people experience and process grief and also content on the impact that suicide bereavement can have on children and families. Attendees will also benefit from insights into how children with additional needs can best be supported following a bereavement.


CONTACT: Jack Kushner, Brake
EMAIL: jkushner@brake.org.uk
TEL: 01484 559 909

Primary Mathematics: Open Lesson

Interested in learning more about Teaching for Mastery Lesson Structure and how the use of High Quality Textbooks can support your teaching? Or would you just like to see a lesson in an accredited Maths – No Problem School?

We have open lessons available:
- Wednesday 28 March
- Thursday 19 April

The morning will consist of:
- Pre lesson discussion – referenced to the five big ideas around Teaching for Mastery and the role of the textbook
- Observation of a maths lesson
- Break for refreshments
- Post Lesson Discussion with an Expert Mastery Teacher
- Self-review and action planning to take away for your setting
- Signposting toward further resources to developing Teaching for Mastery

There will be a small charge of £60 per person.

For further information or to book, email the names of the teachers and school to openlessons@worldsend.bham.sch.uk
NPQML Programme for Primary and Secondary: Second Cohort

Bishop Challoner Teaching School Alliance (BCTSA) are offering the new NPQML and programme, in partnership with Leadership Live and is about to commence Cohort 2.

The NPQML is aimed at middle leaders, or those aspiring to become middle leaders in the near future. The programme consists of two full days and four twilight sessions throughout the year, access to on-line materials and individual support for completion of the final assessment. The next NPQML programme starts on Monday, 26 March 2018. Visit www.bctsa.org/NPQML for more details and an application form.

BCTSA has a strong track record of delivering NPQ programmes and we are excited to be rolling out this newly updated course this year. Sessions will be delivered at BCTSA’s training facility in Kings Heath, with expert presenters and facilitators and is open to both primary and secondary teachers.

WEB LINK:  www.bctsa.org
CONTACT:  Catherine Haines
EMAIL:  teachingschool@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk

Link2ICT information

Network Managers and School IT Technicians' Event: Wednesday 7 March 2018

Come and join us on Wednesday 7 March 2018 as we hear and share information crucial to your role, discuss innovations in technology and provide updates on your IT estate as supported by Link2ICT.

On the day you will hear updates on:
- Safeguarding and Data Protection (GDPR)
- Netsweeper Filtering Update
- Email Filtering Update
- Antivirus Update
- Web Services

It is also an opportunity to:
- Identify your training and development requirements
- Network with colleagues from other schools
- Have a collaborative and progressive forum specifically for your area of expertise

WEB LINK:  http://www.link2ict.org/nwm
CONTACT:  Link2ICT
EMAIL:  info@link2ict.org
GDPR support from Link2ICT

In 2016, there were 2,168 data breaches reported to the ICO – only 166 were in education. With the new regulations making reporting mandatory and with increased responsibilities, this figure looks set to rise if schools fail to prepare for GDPR.

The new GDPR legislation is an inevitable truth and will bring new demands and challenges that will impact school resources and ultimately, finances.

As the ‘data controller’, schools are required to observe various principles when processing personal data. Whilst almost all current data protection regulations will remain, there will be significant changes. This will transform the way schools handle data and data breaches, ultimately changing the way they approach and manage information. Failure to demonstrate GDPR compliance can result in huge fines and other penalties.

Link2ICT has the complete solution for schools and academies and provides GDPR peace of mind. Our GDPR package includes training, consultancy and GDPRiS, the invaluable tool for GDPR compliance.

WEB LINK: [www.link2ict.org/gdpr](http://www.link2ict.org/gdpr)
CONTACT: Link2ICT
EMAIL: info@link2ict.org

Link2ICT Innovation Award

Is your school using ICT creatively? Do you have teachers that are forward thinking in the use of ICT? Are your school's teaching and learning methods new and original? Does your school provide a learning experience that is different/ more effective?

If you have answered yes to any of these questions, you should enter your school for the Innovation in Schools Award which offers schools the opportunity to showcase their innovative and inventive use of ICT. To nominate your school, please tell us in no more than 1000 words, why you deserve to win. Your school will receive a trophy, £500 from Link2ICT and bragging rights for your unique approach to teaching and learning!

Please tell us:
- What ICT resources, services, or solutions you use that are new, original or different
- How ICT has enabled teachers and learners to work and learn in a more effective way
- How ICT has added value to your curriculum
- Any other supporting evidence you may have to prove this

Please submit your entry by emailing info@link2ict.org.

Entries must be completed and submitted by close of play on Friday 23 March 2018. The winning school will be notified personally, presented with their award and featured in the Link2ICT School newsletter and on our website.

WEB LINK: [www.link2ict.org/innovationaward](http://www.link2ict.org/innovationaward)
CONTACT: Link2ICT
EMAIL: info@link2ict.org
TEL: 0121 303 5100
Link2ICT MIS News Bulletin: Spring 2018
For the first time, we have created one bulletin for all our schools across Birmingham and Staffordshire. And we will be sharing as much information as we can to everyone. There may be some areas of SIMS that your school does not use, or isn’t aware of, but it can be beneficial to have an understanding of the breadth of the SIMS software.

The Spring 2018 issue includes:
- SIMS Accreditation
- Support Portal
- New SIMS Parent App Lite
- SIMS Training courses
- New Options Online
- SIMS Upgrade - New features
- And much more!

We would like to ensure that you are making the best use your MIS and therefore you will find lots of useful information about SIMS, what you can expect in future upgrades and our comprehensive training programme - something for everyone!

WEB LINK:  [www.link2ict.org/misbulletin](http://www.link2ict.org/misbulletin)
CONTACT:  Link2ICT
EMAIL:  [info@link2ict.org](mailto:info@link2ict.org)
TEL:  0121 303 5100

Microsoft/Office 365 training courses

*Word Intermediate – 12 March 2018*
This full day course is designed for staff looking to improve their knowledge around this application. You will be guided around the new features and functions within Word. As a delegate, you will learn how to create tables and templates. You will discover how to manage sections, incorporate graphics and merging to documents or email. This course will provide delegates valuable hands-on experience working with charts and graphs.

*Excel Core Skills – 16 March 2018*
This full day course is designed for staff looking to learn the basic functions within Excel. As a delegate you will learn how to create workbooks/ worksheets and charts. You will learn how to navigate around the new interface and will be guided around the new features on the latest release. Delegates will gain hands-on experience on this training.

*Book on any of these courses now and save up to 30% (£150 p/person).*

WEB LINK:  [www.link2ict.org/training](http://www.link2ict.org/training)
CONTACT:  Link2ICT
EMAIL:  [info@link2ict.org](mailto:info@link2ict.org)
TEL:  0121 303 5100
MoneySense: Financial education programme from NatWest

MoneySense is a free, curriculum-linked, impartial financial education programme from NatWest which provides you with everything you need to teach 5-18 year-olds about money. The programme provides access to free resources which have direct links to DfE subjects, it is accredited by Young Enterprise and has received the Financial Education Quality Mark.

Schools can request bank employees to help run free interactive workshops which allow the students to solve real life, money related issues. The topics are split by Key Stage (KS1 – KS5) and there are easy to use maps which show where the links to the National Curriculum are. There are also sections for parents and students, which feature great games such as ‘Virtual Bank’ where children can learn about the different services provided by a bank.

There is no limit to the number of teachers who can register from one school, so don’t miss out and [sign up here today]!

WEB LINK:  [https://natwest.mymoneysense.com/registration/teacher-registration/](https://natwest.mymoneysense.com/registration/teacher-registration/)

Birmingham Civic Society's Next Generation Awards

The Next Generation Awards Scheme is a citizenship programme that has been run by the Birmingham Civic Society for the past 13 years. In total 28,500 pupils have participated since the programme began. The award scheme is aimed at groups of pupils aged 11 to 14, and is an assessed project-based programme designed to meet many of the requirements of the Key Stage 3 Citizenship Curriculum, and also to develop pupils’ personal, learning and thinking skills. The programme is free to schools wishing to participate, and is usually run with one year group (7, 8 or 9).

It is a very inclusive project which is great for developing pupils' skills in team-working, ICT, presentation, creative writing and problem solving, to name but a few. The programme has been developed with the aim of stimulating creativity, nurturing enthusiasm for life, and encouraging pupils to be active, responsible citizens that contribute positively to the development of the City. The scheme asks pupils to work in teams to identify issues and trends affecting people in their community. They must conduct research and develop proposals for actions that would improve some aspect of life in the future. They present their proposals to an assessment panel and compete for Gold, Silver or Bronze awards.

All pupils that take part in the scheme receive individual certificates for their achievement. Each participating school is presented with a plaque, detailing the quantity of awards achieved by the school, and a selection of the best projects compete for the overall city championship, which is presented by the Lord Mayor at a ceremony in the Council House in front of a large invited audience each October. At the finals in October this year, our panel of judges selected the winning team. The team will be awarded £1500, and will receive assistance from a mentor via Birmingham Futures to help get their project off to a flying start.

For more information, contact Jo Dunlop on 07740 444 617 or email nextgenerationawards@googlemail.com
Back in time for School: Filming in the Birmingham area

The producers of BBC2’s hit series *Back in Time for Tea* are looking for West Midlands participants for their next exciting time travelling adventure: *Back in Time for School*.

They will be filming in the Birmingham/Coventry area in school holidays this year... living for real the school lessons, uniforms, trips and dinners of yesteryear. The intrepid class will experience school life from the 1890s to the 1990s - and undoubtedly learn lots along the way!

If you’re a parent/guardian of a teenager currently in Year 9 or Year 10, or a teacher at any level of the profession, and you would like to find out more about how to apply, please visit [www.walltowall.co.uk](http://www.walltowall.co.uk) and click on Take Part.

Dental nurse apprenticeships

Birmingham Community Healthcare Trust are looking for suitable candidates to train as apprentice dental nurses at the new Birmingham Dental Hospital and School of Dentistry in Edgbaston – one of the country’s leading centres of dental training and research.

Applicants will need excellent communication skills, a professional and efficient manner and the self-motivation to learn while they earn on a salaried two-year course, commencing in August 2018.

During the two years, apprentices will work towards achieving a Level 3 Diploma in Dental Nursing.

Apprentices will experience all disciplines of dentistry and receive onsite support through formal lectures, one-to-one tutorials and specialised placement opportunities across the West Midlands, including Birmingham Children’s Hospital.

Applicants must have a minimum of 3 GCSEs at grades A-C including maths, English (essential) and science (desirable) or equivalent qualifications. Applicants must demonstrate an understanding of the role of a dental nurse and a keen interest in working in healthcare. We would encourage interested applicants to contact us for an informal chat or visit us to enable you to understand the role and its scope.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to an open day which will take place on Thursday, 15 March, 2018 from 3pm until 6pm.

[Click here to view the apprenticeship advert on NHS Jobs and to find out how to apply.](http://www.nhsjobs.nhs.uk)

For more information, please phone 0121 466 5037 or email [bchnt.schoolofdentalnursing@nhs.net](mailto:bchnt.schoolofdentalnursing@nhs.net)

Yardley Hockey Club Youth Academy

Yardley Hockey Club and we are very keen to expand their Youth Academy system through all ages groups where possible.
Sessions take place every Sunday at 11am at Small Heath Wellbeing Centre, Muntz Street, B10 9RX for children aged 7-18. We would be very happy for more pupils to join, regardless of their hockey ability. We want to provide an opportunity to young people to be able to get involved in sports and try out different things. We invite anyone down and the first session is free of charge. Sessions are £2 thereafter.

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A Permission to Smile school assembly?

A great way to focus pupils’ minds on what a smile can do (when so many models and celebrities prefer to look glum!) would be to have a school assembly on the subject, perhaps coordinated with the launch of the Birmingham-wide Permission to Smile campaign in May.

Here’s the logo … and here’s the smile!

One ‘target’ might be how an older person’s loneliness can be brightened by a child’s friendly smile. Another is how friendliness can make a street feel like a real community.

We have two assembles ready – one, on sharing the smile, is aimed at KS1, the other on being a good neighbour is aimed at KS2. We’d love to hear from teachers who would like to help us develop more, and for older pupils - including citizenship lessons. And all schools might like to schedule in something for just after the campaign’s launch (on May 19th).

If you want to help create something, could you contact Martin Graham at office@permissiontosmile.org and we could get a small group together. Plus, we’re already getting orders for banners! More will be welcome.
Which Birmingham women inspire you? Nominate celebrated, iconic ladies, or women with extraordinary lives to feature in a new book.

It’s 100 years since some women first got the vote – launching a century of achievement.

So who do you think has shaped our city and blazed a trail for future generations? Did your great-grandma fly Spitfires from Castle Bromwich? We want to know.

Nominate and tell us why at inspiringwomen@birmingham.gov.uk by Sunday, 18 March 2018

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