



## BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN EDUCATION SERVICE

*“Supporting Catholic schools to provide excellent education where pupils flourish, and Christ is made known to all.”*

### Governor News – May 2022

**This is a monthly summary to help governors keep up to date with key themes of national education policy, the local Diocesan context, research and good practice.**

Foundation governors - Remember to book your place at the **commissioning event at Brentwood Cathedral on Monday 16 May 2022 (18:30-19:30)**. Other governors serving in our Catholic schools who would like to attend this unique event are also very welcome to attend [Book your place](#)

As you know the Bishop’s vision and the wider Diocesan plan is for all schools within our Diocese to become part of deanery based multi academy trusts. The Brentwood Diocese CMAT [key document](#) reflects the journey we have been on and looks to the future as we see it for Catholic education

Our webinar *Role of Trustees in a Catholic MAT webinar* (**Monday 20 June 2022 17:00-18:30**) is intended for those new to the trustee role within a Catholic MAT (CMAT) or as a refresher for trust boards as part of their ongoing training requirements. [Book your place](#)

Governors serving on a panel to review the headteacher’s decision to exclude a pupil may find this [checklist](#) (based on the Essex Aide Memoire for decision-making) useful

Ofsted have published their [strategy 2022-27](#), which includes the inspection of all schools by June 2025 and more summary evaluations of multi-academy trusts. Emerging from the pandemic, children’s safety and welfare are also one of Ofsted’s top priorities. Their [latest briefing](#) on education recovery highlights clear signs of improvements but expresses concern on the impact of high levels of absence on pupil mental health and behaviour, as well as younger children’s development

DfE has launched its [Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy](#) which includes the launch of a new natural History GCSE

[The Skills and Post-16 Education Act](#) has now become law, giving schools a statutory duty to ensure children have the opportunity to meet providers of technical education such as apprenticeships and T Levels as part of their careers education curriculum. Skills to support the growing green economy will also be prioritised

Pupils are still lacking quality careers guidance according to a [report published by the Sutton Trust](#) . Secondary school governors have a [key role in ensuring schools meet their legal requirements and equip pupils with the tools and knowledge to make informed choices about their futures](#). Does your secondary school have a link governor for careers?

The next Induction webinar takes place on **Monday 23 May 2022 (16:30-19:00)**. Designed for new governors, the workshop will help governors gain confidence and knowledge of the three core functions of governance within a Catholic setting. [Book your place here](#)

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