

## News from the Leadership & Governance Team:



### April : Governor Training 2011

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### Training Dates for May 2011

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GS44B/11: Head Teacher Recruitment – for Chairs of Governors: 9<sup>th</sup> May 6.30pm – 8.30pm

SGG01/11: Safer Recruitment: 12<sup>th</sup> May (please note, this course is now full, the next available courses are Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September (all day) & Sat 24<sup>th</sup> September and Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October (2 half days)

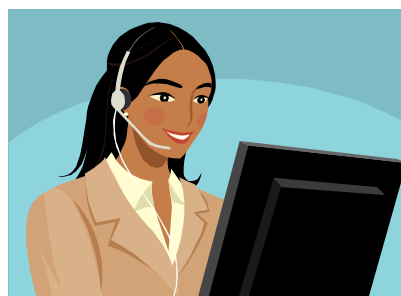
GC1/11: Governor Induction Part 3 – Introduction to Governors & Accountability and Reporting: 23<sup>rd</sup> May 6.30pm – 8.30pm

GG1/11: Understanding Health and Safety: 23<sup>rd</sup> May 6.30pm – 8.30pm

### To book training

Booking governor training is simple - website: [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/cpd](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/cpd) to review what is available, then e-mail: [cpd@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:cpd@northamptonshire.gov.uk)

Each delegate is sent a confirmation letter detailing the course, venue, time etc. which is sent to the school.



Please note that the cost of your training will be dependent upon whether your school has taken out membership to LASI Aspire or has invested in Early Bird, or is an independent school or an Academy.

## Governor Training Evenings

Throughout the year LASI Aspire will host Governor Training Evenings when two alternative training courses will be delivered for governors. These evenings will be hosted by Teresa Elkin & Esther Bushell who will be on hand to answer questions or queries posed by governors.

Our intention is to bring a “human face” to the team who send out electronic information and this will be a great chance to share your news and views directly with the team. We encourage governors to meet with Teresa and Esther who will be on hand whilst training is being delivered in adjacent training rooms.

For dates of the training evenings, please go to the list of governor training courses at [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/schoolgovernors](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/schoolgovernors) dates are available until March 2012.

## E-certificates

Certificates of Attendance are awarded to governors who attend all sessions of a training course. Governors are encouraged to retain these as evidence of attendance for either the school bursar or Ofsted.

However, some governors find it hard to retain these in a convenient place, so we are planning to trial the release of e-certificates.

Following your attendance at training, please ensure that you sign the register which is returned to the Leadership and Governance team by the trainer. Certificates will then be e-mailed directly to your school. There is no requirement to print these off, they can be stored electronically by your school or by yourself.

## New Governor Trainer

From 1<sup>st</sup> April the Leadership & Governance team has welcomed the newly appointed Governor Trainer: Mark Pevy.

Mark is an experienced education professional and trainer who will be available to deliver scheduled courses as well as in-school training.

Becoming a member of the team will enable Mark to keep up to date with the latest developments from central government and gain knowledge of the key priorities for the local authority. We're sure that you'll join us in welcoming Mark to the team at an exciting time of change and evolution.

Our pool of county council “internal” trainers will still be utilised and will continue to deliver courses focussed on Raise On-line, Finance, Health and Safety, Safer Recruitment, Safeguarding and Community Cohesion etc.

## LASI Aspire Membership

To date, 114 schools in Northamptonshire have signed up to LASI Aspire membership, with 78 schools having bought in to the Clerking Service Level Agreement (SLA)

Of these schools, some have invested in LASI Aspire's Early Bird scheme in order to enjoy future discounts on training and consultancy from the service. Your school has until **9<sup>th</sup> May** to invest an amount in Early Bird to achieve these savings.

However, your school can become a member of LASI Aspire at any time, but please bear in mind that the annual membership cost remains the same, whether you buy in now or later in the financial year – so the earlier you buy in, the more you save.

For more information and costs of membership, simply go to [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/schoolgovernors](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/schoolgovernors) For further information on the LASI Aspire package, simply go to [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/schoolgovernors](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/schoolgovernors) and follow the link to “Traded Services for Schools (buyback)” Additional information about the detail of the whole package has been sent to your Head teacher and your Clerk, for distribution.



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## Communication

Can you please help us to keep all governors informed by cascading this newsletter or directing them to the governor pages on the county council website

[www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/schoolgovernors](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/schoolgovernors)

Don't forget to make full use of the hyperlinks within the newsletter to access more information.

## Leadership & Governance team

Support and assistance is just a phone call away. The Leadership & Governance team is available to help from 9am-5pm, Monday-Friday.

Call on 01604 365087

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### Please Note

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Please be aware that things are currently changing on a frequent basis.

### Editorial team

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