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Email: governor.services@gloucestershire.gov.uk or phone 01452 425313. Publication dates for future editions can be found in the 'Noticeboard' section below. Chairs are asked to share the contents of this e-bulletin with their governing body.

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Indicative Budget 2012-13

The Indicative Budgets are now available to download from the Schools Central Finance homepage on Schoolsnet. Please follow the link below to access the file:

<http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schoolsnet/index.cfm?articleid=21496>

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Schools' Forum Briefing No. 11: 20th January 2012

The latest briefing is now available on the bulletin board at the above link.

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LA Safeguarding Inspection

The LA Safeguarding Inspection will take place week beginning 6th February. Some schools may be contacted to provide case file information relating to this.

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GCC Children's Centre Update

GCC is looking to identify solutions for the management for Children's Centres. Children's Centres offer families with children under five a range of services, information and support in their local community. If you are considering tendering to run a Children's Centre contract, you must register with ProContract (an electronic tendering system called Supplying the South West). This means that all supply opportunities will be advertised and tendered through this system, allowing transparency and improved communication for all involved.

Registration is free and we recommend that you do this as soon as possible as this will enable you to be aware of forthcoming tender opportunities with Gloucestershire County Council (and with other authorities across the South West who use the system). Details on how to register are on the bulletin board.

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Equality Information and the equality duty: a guide for public authorities

The Equality and Human Rights Commission has written a guide to explain how public authorities can meet the requirements of the Equality Act 2010. The Act brings together all previous equality legislation in England, Scotland and Wales. The Act includes a new public sector equality duty replacing the separate duties relating to race, disability and gender equality. Please follow the link to the bulletin board to find a summary document which outlines what this means for your school. It will apply to schools from April 2012.

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Gloucestershire Association of School Business Management (GASBM) 1st Annual Conference

15th June 2012 - Cheltenham Racecourse

GASBM's first conference is planned for 15th June 2012, an opportunity to join other School Business professionals from around the county attending a programme of workshops and demonstrations aligned to the challenges of business management in a changing world. If you would like to register your interest and ensure you receive further information, email your contact details to: gasbmconference@yahoo.co.uk.

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GlosEd Review

The GlosEd menu of support, developed by the Quality Assurance of Support for Schools Team, will soon be 1 year old so we are about to undertake a review to enable us to further develop it to meet the needs of schools. To support our review we would really appreciate you taking a couple of minutes to let us know your views by completing a short online survey at the above link even if you've never used GlosEd. To enable us to gather a broad range of views we'd also be grateful if you could forward the link to a few members of staff/governors in your school and ask them to complete the survey.

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Governor Training

Head Teacher Recruitment - FREE training

If you think you will need to recruit a new head teacher within the next 6 months then this training is essential to:

- prepare the governing body for head teacher recruitment
- find out more about succession planning
- find out more about models of leadership

Date: Wednesday 22nd February 2012
Time: 5.00 - 7.30 pm (tea/coffee from 4.30 pm)

Venue: The Milestone School, Gloucester, GL2 9EU

To book a place/places please email: governor.services@gloucestershire.gov.uk

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Training for Governors

The following courses are undersubscribed at the present time, please consider whether any of your governors require training in these areas

Induction for New Governors	06.03.12	Gloucester Rugby Club, Kingsholm	09.30-15.30
Curriculum	28.03.12	University of Gloucestershire, Oxstalls Campus	18.30-21.00
Exploring Church School Distinctiveness	22.03.12	University of Gloucestershire, Oxstalls Campus	18.30-21.00
Finance	01.03.12	University of Gloucestershire, Oxstalls Campus	18.30-21.00
Performance Management	05.03.12	Gloucester Rugby Club, Kingsholm	09.30-12.00
The Role of the Chair	21.02.12	Gloucester Rugby Club, Kingsholm	09.30-15.30
The Role of the Clerk	13.03.12	Cheltenham Area Civil Service Sports Assoc.	09.30-15.30
Special Education Needs & Disabilities	08.03.12	Oxstalls Indoor Tennis Centre	09.30-12.00

If you would like to book a place on this course, please complete the governor training booking form and return it to: Governor Services, Shire Hall, Westgate Street, Gloucester, GL1 2TP or fax it to 01452 427297.

The booking form can be downloaded at: <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schoolsnet/index.cfm?articleid=20737>

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Local Authority / Gloucestershire Governors' Association Meeting

The next Open Meeting of the Gloucestershire Governors' Association will be held on Tuesday 28th February 2012 - 7.00-9.00 pm at Shire Hall.

Theme: Empowering Governance

Against the backdrop of less frequent inspections for good and outstanding schools, and increased monitoring for satisfactory schools, there is a greater imperative now for governing bodies to be well versed in the criteria against which schools are judged. This meeting will provide an opportunity for governors to consider in more depth the key aspects of the new inspection framework and how the framework can be used to support school improvement. A particular focus will be how we self-evaluate and demonstrate the progress that has been made. We will hear about the experience of being inspected under the new framework from a chair of governors and head teacher of a recently inspected school. Finally, we will look at the questions inspectors ask and the questions we should be asking ourselves.

If you wish to attend please contact Jennie Leighton on 01452 425846 or email: governor.services@gloucestershire.gov.uk to help us make appropriate arrangements.

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Future publication dates of 'What's Up Gov?'

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19th April 2012	3rd May 2012	17th May 2012
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