Welcome to our 2014 Easter Newsletter

**HEADTEACHERS’ RESIDENTIAL**

The Prince's Teaching Institute's (PTI) annual Residential for Headteachers took place in Cambridge in January. We were joined by 36 Heads, all of whom signed up for the Schools Leadership Programme (SLP), our national network of Headteachers who are committed to leadership that improves every area of school life.

We were privileged to have former Lord Speaker of the House of Lords, Baroness Hayman, and former Cabinet Secretary, Lord Wilson of Dinton, join us to share their thoughts and experience of being an effective leader. Participants discussed developing an ethos and culture of high aspiration, maintaining high academic standards, and effective leadership of schools.

“Refreshed as a leader, I return with renewed vigour and also affirmation. The SLP empowers a development project that will move my school towards Outstanding”

Participant Headteacher, 2014

**JOIN US FOR OUR CHARITY CLAY SHOOT - 16TH MAY 2014**

The PTI is holding its first charity clay shoot fundraiser at The Royal Berkshire Shooting School on Friday 16th May. Join us and try your hand at clay-pigeon shooting, whilst pitting your accuracy against your friends to win Top Prizes. Enjoy our display of luxury cars including Aston Martin, Range Rover and Jaguar, and bid in the live auction to claim luxury car experiences and designer items from Anya Hindmarch and Sophie Conran.

Tickets cost £2,000 for a team of four people, and include a welcome breakfast, champagne reception and sumptuous three-course luncheon. All monies raised go towards The Prince’s Teaching Institute.

For further details and to book tickets please visit [www.princes-ti.org.uk/donors/claypigeonshoot](http://www.princes-ti.org.uk/donors/claypigeonshoot)

Please book by 1st May 2014

**Teacher events - Summer Term 2014**

These are some of the teacher events we have planned this term. If you would like to attend any, please contact dhivya.oconnor@princes-ti.org.uk


- **Music** - Exploring Rhythm: From Africa to Brazil - 7th July 2014, City University, London

- **English** - Approaching Shakespearean Tragedy - 10th July 2014, Birkbeck College, London

- **Physics** - Making Electricity Electrifying! - 10th July 2014, Birkbeck College, London

I was lucky enough to have a fantastic private education but I think it is such a disgrace that attainment and aspiration in our state sector education system was allowed to fall so far behind. When I visited Holland Park Community School, I was struck by the way the teachers had turned the school around through sheer dedication and hard work. In 1997, the school was heavily criticised by Ofsted for poor academic standards and discipline. Holland Park is a school where 50% of children speak English as a second language, and over 30% are on Free School Meals (the National Average for FSM is 15%).

Today, the school is rated ‘Outstanding’ by Ofsted and features in The Good Schools Guide. It is the teachers who are fundamental to this transformation. All of the teachers I met there impressed upon me how pleased they were to be engaged with The Prince's Teaching Institute and the crucial role that the Institute plays in raising teaching standards. This is one of the key reasons I support The Prince's Teaching Institute (PTI).

The PTI is a unique organisation, providing subject-based professional development and inspiration to teachers where none exists. The fact that teachers in this country have no requirement to do any training throughout their careers is, for me as a professional, mind-boggling and simply unacceptable. I am delighted to be involved with the PTI, both as a donor and part of its Development Committee, and will continue to support its charge to improve education for our future generations.

William Drake is the Co-Founder of Lord North Street private investment office, recently merged with SandAire. A barrister and US attorney by training, William studied at the University of Cambridge and is a Fellow of The Chartered Institute for Securities and Investment. William is a PTI Patron and a member of the PTI Development Committee since 2012.

We were very pleased to welcome back our valued 2012 Club members, Patrons and Ambassadors to The Prince's Teaching Institute Patrons Dinner held in March. His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales addressed the guests and thanked donors for their generosity and support of the PTI's important work. PTI Ambassador Michael Wood also gave an address at dinner, talking about his rewarding experiences speaking to teachers at PTI Summer Schools.

The Prince's Teaching Institute helps teachers fall in love with teaching again because passionate teachers get great results!

For an average cost of less than £5 per child, per year, we reach over 250,000 children from 465 schools across the country, raising ambition and challenge. Our goal is to reach over 600,000 children by 2017.

We have already raised over £2.5 million towards this, but need to raise a further £3.3 million. Donations may be made online at www.princes-ti.org.uk/donors or by sending a cheque payable to The Prince's Teaching Institute to 40 Grosvenor Gardens, London SW1W 0EB.

Help us create and inspire a generation of passionate teachers.

If you are interested in visiting a PTI school, please contact dhivya.oconnor@princes-ti.org.uk