

News from the National Governors' Association

NGA News Briefing 120210

The NGA newsletter will be taking a half-term break. The next NGA newsletter will be issued on Friday 26th February.

To read the full news briefing you will need your membership number and password. The full news briefing can be viewed via the attached link - [NGA News Briefing 120210](#)

Regional Meetings

The NGA Regional meetings will be taking place during February, March and April.

The SE Regional meeting will be the first to take place on 22 February 2010 at the NCVO offices in London. For full details of the meeting please click on the attached link – [South East Regional Meeting](#)

Details of the other regional meetings can be found on the NGA website via the attached link - [NGA Events](#)

To book a place at a regional meeting please email governorhq@nga.org.uk or phone: 0121-237-3780.

Go East Conference 20 February 2010 – Imperial War Museum, Duxford

The East of England Region is not having a specific NGA Regional meeting this spring, instead a conference has been arranged with the Government Office for the East of England. The conference will cover a number of topics including: a TDA overview of the 21st Century Schools White Paper, a workshop on working together in clusters and federations, working with Children's Trusts, safeguarding issues and 16-19 transition.

For the full conference programme click on the attached link – Go-East & NGA Conference

NB: Bookings for this conference need to be made via the Government Office for the East of England. A booking form is available to download from the NGA website via the attached link - GO East & NGA Conference.

Commons Select Committee – Report into Teacher Training

The Children Schools and Families Committee published its report into the Training of Teachers on 9 February 2010.

The report comes to a number of conclusions and recommendations; mainly focused on increasing the entry qualifications of trainee teachers. [More](#)

Consultation – Parents to be required to sign to say they understand and will abide by key school policies as part of the admissions process.

This is short six week consultation launched on 11 February. It will place into regulations some of the details included in the Pupil and Parent Guarantees, specifically that the ‘every child will go to a school where there is good behaviour’. One of the planks of meeting this policy is to require parents to sign to accept school policies (including the behaviour policy) when they apply for a place at a school.

[More](#)

Plagiarism Advice

In conjunction with Ofqual Plagiarismadvice.org has published three new guides to give teachers, students and parents/carers a greater understanding of how to produce honest, authentic and correctly referenced work. More information about these guides can be viewed here [Plagiarism Guides](#).

National Association of School Business Managers (NASBM) – Awards 2010

The National Association of School Business Management is inviting nominations for its 2010 National Awards for School Support Staff. [More](#)

DCSF and Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) – Spring Conferences

DCSF is hosting nine one-day regional conferences in March 2010, to support the delivery of the IAG Strategy within the context of school and 14-19 reforms. [More](#).

Clare’s Blog

In this week's blog Clare talks about mechanisms for gathering members’ views and how NGA seeks to influence policy.

Read her views – [Chair's Blog](#)

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