



## **Conference Information**

### **IPD29 GSA New Heads Induction**

**10-11 March 2009**

**Crowne Plaza, NEC**

**Cost: £375**

This course is offered to provide continued support and development opportunities for GSA Heads one year on from their appointment to headship and attendance at their initial New Heads' Training course. Attendance will provide further opportunities for the members to meet as a group and develop the network already in existence, to share specific areas of concern and experiences one year into post.

The course is offered over a 24 hr period - divided into two half-day sessions preceded by dinner. The course is designed to respond to the specific professional needs of the delegates eligible to attend this training opportunity.

The first main session concentrates on employment and legal matters. In addition to a pre-determined content there is also an opportunity to address specific issues notified in advance by delegates and flexibility to respond to matters of immediate importance.

The second session involves a panel of heads chosen to represent the diverse nature of delegates' schools and particular areas of expertise delegates have asked to address. The session particularly focuses on situations colleagues have found themselves dealing with during their first year of headship or anticipates having to face in the future. Again there is also the inbuilt flexibility to respond to urgent matters or initiatives occurring at the time.

More generally this course provides an opportunity for continuing the support and development of leaders within GSA schools. The involvement of more experienced heads, and other professionals, to assist in offering guidance and support enables colleagues to consider strategies to deal with challenging, difficult and the more unusual situations heads sometimes have to face in a secure environment, without fear of judgement.

Heads are not eligible to attend unless they have attended the first training event.

### **IPD30 Conference for Year Heads**

**13 March 2009**

**Queen Elizabeth's Hospital School, Bristol**

**Cost: £210**

This year's event will build on the success of last year's programme where a number of colleagues shared innovative ideas about pastoral systems at their schools through short presentations. This has proved to be a very popular model and so there will be plenty of opportunity for discussion around a range of themes directly relevant to those who lead, or aspire to lead pastoral teams, including supporting and monitoring tutors, dealing with parents and outside agencies and administrative systems. The event will be equally relevant to those who work in day or boarding schools.