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Dear Colleagues,

Audit and Risk Management Committee

The papers for the next meeting on 6th June will be sent out shortly. Our new staff rep is Dave Jackson, Tutor at Castle Head so please direct any questions or issues that you might like to raise with him. I'd like to thank him for stepping forward to take on the role.

Signs of Spring - the last push

We are really pleased with the response to [Signs of Spring](#) as are our partners the Royal Society of Biology. Those early wet months feel a long time ago now but there are still a few days of the survey to run and we'd like to capture more late signs of spring before it closes on 17th June. I'll be looking out for dragonflies in particular as they are on the list of 10 signs for me to spot and record this year.

Review of the Networx System

HR have asked me to remind anyone who uses the Networx recruitment system to send in your feedback via the survey by Midnight on Tuesday 4th June. The system is up for review and we want to be thorough. Your feedback is really important to help us determine if Networx is really meeting our needs. If you have used Networx as either a hiring manager or a panel member, please do fill in the survey to let us know your thoughts. The survey is short and it shouldn't take any longer than 5 minutes of your time. [Please click here to complete the survey](#)

Election information.

The final list for who is standing (or not) in each constituency will be made public on 7th June and then we will know who to contact. For the first time in a while, it's likely that we will see some churn in the MPs who are representing our centres. Eleanor Laing (Epping) is standing down, and others are in seats that are far from safe.

Just a quick reminder that if haven't done so already, you will need to register to vote by midnight on Tuesday 18th June. A full timetable of deadlines for postal votes and proxy votes applications and amendments for the election can be [found here](#).

Rhyd-y-Creuau visit

Mark Isherwood, Member of the Welsh Senedd for North Wales enjoyed one of Shell's Tours on a visit to Rhyd-y-Creuau. Mark supported the recent bill to ensure residentials for all Welsh learners and although it didn't make it onto the next legislative stage, other non-legislative options and possible funding mechanisms now are being looked into. It's good that he came to see things for himself and was very interested in the work we deliver. The full centre gave him the opportunity to speak with some of our students and visiting teachers.

Thanks to Shell and her team (pictured with Mark) for hosting a visit on what was already a busy day. The next Senedd election isn't until 2026 so there is time for the politicians to crack on with progressing this area of work. Tom Stamp at Dale Fort has hosted a number of MS visits too with another possible one in the pipeline. It's a reminder that sometimes sheer persistence in sending invitations really can pay off.



Welcome to Field Studies Council

This week we welcomed four new Hospitality and Catering Assistants. Susan Cuddihy at Dale Fort, Debbie Williams at Preston Montford, Deborah Pearce at Nettlecombe Court and Shaun Hanner and Philip Leonard both joined Castle Head.

Previous versions of the catch up can be found here on the [staff news page](#).

Best regards

Mark