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Dear Colleagues,

Election Results

The table below isn't exactly BBC Election Night graphics, but it still highlights significant change. Castle Head and Blencathra are now in the same constituency, with Blencathra's previous MP ending up in Epping Forest. Those MPs marked with an * are completely new to us. As many are still unpacking, scrambling to find an office and employing staff to put in it, we are doing a light touch email to introduce ourselves. We will follow up when we know a little more after the King's speech on the 17th.

Centre	Constituency	Elected	Party	Result
Margam	Aberafan Maesteg	Stephen Kinnock	Labour	Hold
RyC	Bangor Aberconwy	Claire Hughes*	Labour	Gain
Amersham	Chesham and Amersham	Sarah Green	Lib Dem	Hold
Juniper	Dorking and Horley	Chris Coghlan*	Lib Dem	Gain
Bishops Wood	Droitwich and Evesham	Nigel Huddleston	Conservative	Hold
Epping	Epping Forest	Neil Hudson	Conservative	Hold
Dale Fort	Pembrokeshire Mid & South	Henry Tufnell*	Labour	Gain
Millport	Ayrshire North & Arran	Irene Campbell*	Labour	Gain
Preston Montford	Shrewsbury	Julia Buckley*	Labour	Gain
Head Office				
Slapton	Devon South	Caroline Voaden*	Lib Dems	Gain
Flatford	Suffolk South	James Cartlidge	Conservative	Hold
Nettlecombe	Tiverton and Minehead	Rachel Gilmour*	Lib Dems	Gain
Blencathra and	Westmorland & Lonsdale	Tim Farron	Lib Dem	Hold
Castle Head				
Publications	Telford	Shaun Davies*	Labour	Gain

Generation Green 2 bookings filling up fast

We are a member of the Access Unlimited Partnership delivering 'Generation Green 2'. It's a DEFRA funded project to connect young people from English schools where pupil premium numbers are above 30% to protected landscapes -ie National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. We received £827,660 and put in £31,000 in match funding to offer 3,092 residential and 800 day places over the coming months.

The start of the project was delayed by the election announcement although in the usual way of things, the end of project deadline of March 2025 remains the same which adds additional pressures to those involved. It's been a huge effort from Central Services and Centre based teams but now residentials are fully booked and a few day spaces remain.

We have yet again proved to funders that we can deliver these large scale projects. The response from eligible schools has also shown how much these opportunities are valued (described by one head teacher as "life changing" for her pupils) but has also flagged up just how out of reach they are for many. The next school funding settlement in the next budget will be of considerable interest. The first visitors arrive at Preston Montford next week.

"No One Expects the Spanish Inquisition" Part 2

As mentioned last week, a second centre recently triumphed during an unannounced inspection from Environmental Health Officers and got another 5* rating for the Food Standards Agency's Food Hygiene Rating Scheme. So this week's plaudits go to Castle Head and Wendy Foster's team.



In the photo are Rye Scholey Hospitality & Catering Assistant (HCA), Tom O Boyle Chef and Katie Pattison HCA. Not in the photo are others in Wendy's team who all played their part: HCAs Ella Myerscough, Shaun Hanner, Tom Morriss, Mike McDonough, Ben Lock, Ell Lock, Naomi Lock, Yani Dolagedona, Phil Lenoard, Victoria Moore, Julie Moore and Damian Yelland Agency chef support.

Farewell to Trustee Rob Marrs

Rob is standing down this month after completing a full term of office as a trustee. A retired Emeritus Professor in the School of Environmental Sciences, University of Liverpool, he taught fieldwork skills to undergraduate and masters students, often using Field Studies Council sites, for almost thirty years. I'd like to thank him for bringing his considerable experience and a sense of commitment to his time with us as a trustee.

Welcome to Field Studies Council

Three new Casual Hospitality and Catering Assistants have joined this week: Sarah Newport at Blencathra, Mary Williams at Rhyd-y-Creuau and Oli Wilson at Castle Head. Christian Tischhauser is the new Casual General Assistant at Millport.

Previous Catch Ups can be found here on the [staff news page of the intranet](#).

Best regards

Mark