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from the A&B Education Service



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Director's Letter

Dear Colleagues,

I hope you had a restorative summer holiday, filled with the joy of time spent with family and friends. The start of a new academic year brings many blessings as we welcome staff and students into our school communities. May all that is accomplished in our schools this coming year be in the service of all pupils and students entrusted to our care.

Success

There is much to celebrate at the start of the new term, with results from SATs, GCSE, BTECs, T Levels and A levels demonstrating once again the hard work of students and the outstanding commitment of staff. The diocese is exceptionally proud of every school, and we share in your joy at the positive outcomes achieved. Whilst the headline data tells us

about the academic standards in our schools, we know how much work goes into ensuring every pupil and student is supported to achieve their potential and acknowledge with gratitude all the additional support that you have put in to ensuring that they achieve their potential.

As we look to the year ahead, Pope Leo reminds us that "The charism of the school ... besides being a service to society and a precious work of charity, still appears today as one of the most beautiful and eloquent expressions of that priestly, prophetic, and public service which we all received in Baptism, as emphasised by the documents of the Second Vatican Council."

It was wonderful to see such a great number of red shirt and purple shirt young helpers in Lourdes for the annual pilgrimage, along with many staff from

our schools who have worked so hard in fund raising and championing this important event in the life of the diocese. Eight members of the Education Service were also part of the pilgrimage: [See here >>>](#)

Welcome

A warm welcome to all pupils, staff and governors who have joined our schools in the diocese. I hope you will be very happy and know that you have the support of all in the diocesan community. We wish the following well in their new roles:

Sarah McCurdy, Headteacher, St Philip's, Uckfield

Martyn Peebles, Headteacher, St Polycarp's, Farnham

Gemma Willcox, Head of School, St Charles Borromeo, Weybridge

Sam Crome, Acting Headteacher, St Joseph's, Dorking

Patrick Doyle, Acting Headteacher, St Francis, Caterham

Paula Best takes up post within Xavier CET as a Local Leader of Primary Education and our prayers are with these and all other staff taking up leadership posts this term.

Education Service Staff Updates

I am delighted to welcome new colleagues to the Education Service. **Fiona McGonigle** joins us as Catholic School Inspection Coordinator. **Claire Gale** is covering Billie Robson's maternity leave as Sussex Choral Director. **Emma Sharp**, who was a seconded member of the team has now been appointed to a permanent position. Contact details for the Education Service can be found [here >>>](#)

CPD & Key Events

We have a comprehensive CPD programme for 2025-2026 and whilst we continue with our training offer for those teaching RE and delivery of the RED, for Prayer and Liturgy Coordinators and for schools preparing for CSI, there are also a wide range of other professional development opportunities on offer.

Courses are available [here >>>](#); please do sign up early for any training courses you wish to attend this year.

Some key dates to note are the **Jubilee Year Secondary Pilgrimage on 2 October** and the **School Leaders Conference on 20 November** with his Eminence, Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe as the keynote speaker. [Click here >>>](#)

If anyone is interested in the new **postgraduate certificate course** we are offering for non-specialist secondary RE teachers, in collaboration with St Mary's University, please find out more by emailing E: dave.legrand@abdiocese.org.uk and [sign up here >>>](#)

The **'Leading in Faith'** course will run again this year (see poster following this letter) and please do email Sam Crome E: s.crome@xaviercet.org.uk for further details. The feedback from the year one cohort was positive and we do encourage you to make enquiries if you are interested in finding out more.

The **Masters in Catholic Leadership Module 1** is also on offer again, in collaboration with St Mary's University: [Click here >>>](#)

New this year are **online twilights** for colleagues to find out more about the [Oscar Romero Award](#) and the [Faith in Action Award](#).

We are also offering a choice of two information evenings about the **new model policies and procedures**, which will be introduced to Clergy, Headteachers, School Governors, Trust Directors, CEOs and relevant Trust Central Team during this session, to help everyone understand their use and the timeline for introducing them. We ask that each school is represented by attending one of these two sessions:

[Admissions Meeting A \(06-Oct-2025\)](#)

[Admissions Meeting B \(08-Oct-2025\)](#)

Keri Goddard from the CES is leading an online session for HR staff in schools and Trusts to learn more about the **CES online application forms, employment guidance and documents**, which are a requirement for all posts in Catholic schools: [Click here >>>](#)

ABlaze

Schools will also receive copies of the autumn term ABlaze newsletter which will have up to date information for RE Leads, Heads of RE, RSE Leads and Chaplains. Copies of both Alpha Beta and ABlaze publications are always available [here >>>](#)

Protocols

The Diocesan Protocols for Maintained Schools and Academies are updated annually. There have been some minor amendments to the previous version and for ease of reference, these have been highlighted. They are available [here >>>](#)

It is important that Senior Leaders and Governors / Directors read and note the requirements of the Protocols and that this is recorded in governor minutes.

Education Sunday

On **14 September**, the Catholic Church in England and Wales will observe Education Sunday, which this year occurs on the same day as the liturgical Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

Bishop Marcus Stock, Chair of the CES writes "As the challenges and opportunities of a new academic year get under way in our Catholic schools and universities, we pray for the grace of Almighty God to approach them strong in faith and as 'pilgrims of hope' in this Holy Year of Jubilee."

[Education Sunday - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)

We are compiling information for Heads, Chairs of Governors and Clergy, to facilitate a **short input at the end of Masses** on Education Sunday which will enable the ongoing promotion of our schools, as well as provide an opportunity to make a plea for more Foundation Governors in areas where there is a current shortage. **A5 flyers and posters** promoting our schools will be sent to parishes in readiness for Education Sunday.

We pray for all Catholic schools and universities in our area. We give thanks for the dedication, example and inspiration of school leaders, teachers and all who contribute to nurturing and supporting children and young people. May our school communities be filled with Jesus' compassion and love.

As always, we are here to be of service to you and support you, so please do contact us if we can assist in any way.

With prayers and best wishes for the academic year ahead, from all in the Education Service.



Julie Oldroyd

Director – Education Service

RETIREMENT

Ann Baldwin retired from the Education service at the end of August, and a Mass was held in thanksgiving for her service to our schools. Bishop Richard presented Ann with a Benemerenti Medal, which is awarded by the Pope to members of the laity for exceptional service to the Catholic Church. Ann wishes to thank all those who sent her cards and kind wishes.



IN THANKSGIVING

Cardinal Newman Catholic School, Hove, organised a celebration afternoon to mark Fr Chris Benyon's 60th Jubilee of ordination. Pupils arranged messages and videos of thanks for his service to their school, and this was echoed later in Mass in the chapel, attended by family, friends and school leaders from across Sussex, who all gave thanks for his great service to their communities. Other schools also arranged celebrations to mark the occasion. Annecy organised a celebration including a tea with staff and governors.

Fr Chris has stepped down from active ministry in schools and the Education Service gives thanks for all he has done to support the liturgical and spiritual life of our schools in Sussex.



INVITATION



You are warmly invited to the **Jubilee of Hope** – a once-in-a-lifetime celebration marking 60 years of our Diocese in this special Jubilee Year of Hope.

Join us on **Saturday 20 September, 10:30 am – 4:30 pm** at the South of England Showground, Ardingly, for a day of faith, fellowship, and inspiration. Together with Bishop Richard, we will celebrate Mass, hear from inspiring speakers, and enjoy uplifting music from One Hope Project and our Schools Singing Programme.

Throughout the day, you can explore exhibitions, including the national Jubilee Icon and the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition compiled by Blessed Carlo Acutis. There will also be stalls from CAFOD, Divine Renovation, Redemptorist Publications, the Bible Society, Divine Renovation and more, plus opportunities for adoration and reconciliation.

Families are very welcome! There will be breakout spaces, picnic areas, and refreshments available (please bring a packed lunch). Coaches are arranged from various parishes, and parking is available on-site.

This is more than an event – it's a chance to look ahead to the next 60 years of Catholic mission and discover how we can all be beacons of hope in today's world.

We look forward to welcoming you.

For information, please contact:

E: formation@abdiocese.org.uk



The Jubilee journey continues – be a part of it!



Let's make this final term a time of joyful witness and commit to being builders of a better future — because **a better world needs all of us.**



Join the hundreds of schools that have marked this moment of renewal with a long-term commitment to building a better world.

Is your school on the Jubilee Pledge map?

Visit [Jubilee pledge for schools](#) for examples and all the inspiration you need.

"You will be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. You will be seeds of hope where you live."

- Pope Leo XIV Angelus Sunday,
3 August 2025



Visit [Signs of hope](#) for inspiration and ways to live out your Jubilee Pledge.

Which step will you take next? [Jubilee resources for schools](#)

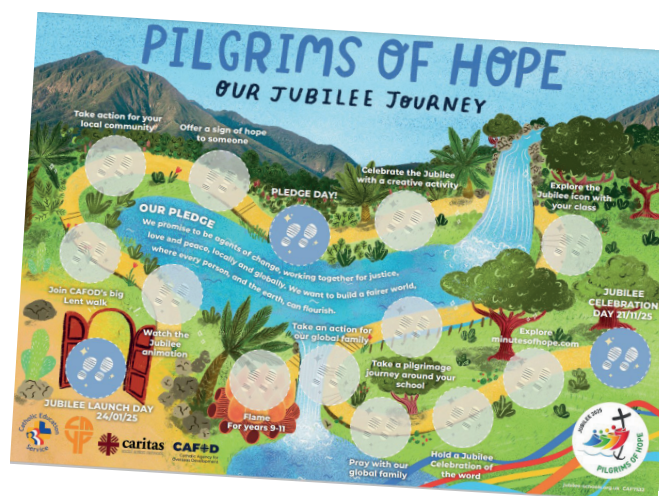


Jubilee Pilgrims of Hope banners have been spotted all over England and Wales, a powerful witness of hope in the local community.

Have you shared yours with the parish, with families and local media?

Banners are now available at a reduced rate **£2 + P&P**

Jubilee for schools: Pilgrims of Hope outdoor banner – [CAFOD Shop](#)



Join together to celebrate the closing of this historic Jubilee year as Pilgrims of hope. Start planning now!


COMING SOON

Celebration Day film, plan, ideas and activities for a day of celebration, inspiration and connection.

Order your resources for Celebration Day!

Order posters and prayer cards to commemorate this incredible year.
Year of Jubilee – CAFOD Shop

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A better world needs all of us



Leading in Faith

A Catholic leadership course that puts formation and evangelisation at the heart of our vocation

Are you a teacher or leader who wants to continue exploring your faith and leadership journey? *Leading in Faith* aims to develop current and future school leaders, and welcomes both Catholics and non-Catholics. It will provide the following opportunities for you:

- A chance to reflect and explore your own faith and formation
- Understanding the unique role and mission of Catholic schools
- An insight into what it means to be a leader in a Catholic setting
- Guest appearances by Catholic leaders from across our Diocese
- The opportunity to work with a spiritual director
- The opportunity to study the first module of the Masters in Catholic Leadership with St Mary's University

Click here or scan the QR code to express interest.
Deadline: 9th July



KEY LITURGICAL DATES FOR 2025-2026

Pilgrims of Hope

The Jubilee year continues, and we continue to give thanks for all the wonderful pledges which were presented at the Good Shepherd celebration last term.

The news article and full set of photographs is available here: [Schools journey to Arundel for this year's Good Shepherd celebration | News](#)

At the moment, A&B are top of the leader board in adding their schools to the Pledge Map – please can you add your school if you have not yet done so [Jubilee Pledge map for schools](#) as it is great to have a record of all your wonderful pledges of hope.

The resources produced by CAFOD are worth revisiting at the start of term as there have been new items and resources added [Jubilee Year 2025](#).





Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

Pope Leo XIV has announced that London-born Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati will be canonised together on 7 September.

The canonisations of the two young saints – one from the early twentieth century, the other the first millennial saint – have been greatly anticipated due to the great devotion among the faithful.

[Carlo Acutis to be canonised on 7 September - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)

[Blessed Carlo Acutis's canonisation date announced - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)

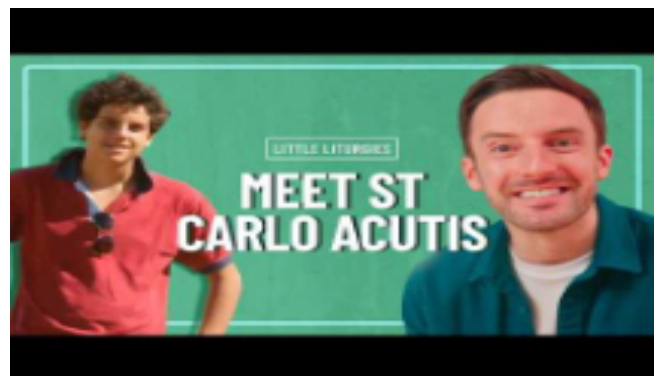
Please find resources from Mark 10 Mission below:

Saints Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati are the newest saints of the Catholic Church. Both Carlo and Pier Giorgio lived amazing lives for Jesus. Powered by the Holy Eucharist they loved the people around them, putting Jesus before anyone else! Sr Thérèse CFR leads us in a beautiful reflection and helps us to pray with Saints Carlo and Pier Giorgio. We then sing the hymn 'Here I Am Lord with Angel.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W1qyNIZjNYs&feature=youtu.be>

Carlo Acutis is being made a saint of the Catholic Church. Saint Carlo had a super power which helped him love his family and friends. Greg helps us to know St Carlo Acutis more and to be inspired to follow his example. We then enter into the quiet of prayer and sing the hymn 'Here I Am Lord' with Angel.



[Carlo Acutis: The Boy Saint // Little Liturgies from The Mark 10 Mission](#)

[The Mark 10 Mission - Mission Posters](#)

The Arundel & Brighton diocesan shrine to Carlo Acutis is at [St Peter's Church](#), Portland Road, Hove. It is home to a first-class relic of Blessed Carlo, consisting of a few particles of his hair. Schools are welcome to visit by arrangements.



From Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN)

Raymond Friel writes: "A good way to integrate Catholic Social Teaching into the life of the school or chaplaincy is to celebrate some of the exemplary witnesses in humanity's long struggle for peace and justice, the key documents, or global observance days. Schools could make reference to these key dates in liturgies, assemblies, INSET days, fundraising or advocacy campaigns.

To help school and chaplaincies plan for the year ahead, I have drawn up a **Social Justice Calendar** which covers the academic year 2025/26, with some of the key milestones from the liturgical calendar, the remaining celebrations for the Jubilee Year, as well as UN and other international days.

This calendar is not exhaustive. It does not feature every feast, or international day, just the ones I think have particular relevance for social justice. You might want to add your own dates from the charism of your school community, or themes of particular resonance for you.

You will also find this calendar in instalments in the Pastoral Review, a quarterly periodical which has a focus on ministry and leadership in the Church. To find out more, visit:

<https://www.thetablet.co.uk/pastoral-review>

You will find all the papal social encyclicals referenced below at the Vatican website: www.vatican.va. If you enter an encyclical name into your search engines this website should come up as an option."

The link to the calendar is here;
[Social Justice Calendar 2025-26 — Raymond Friel](#)





Season of Creation

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to pray and respond to the cry of the earth, which runs from 1st September and ending with the feast of St Francis on the 4th of October. During this season we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with God, our neighbour and the earth we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

In this, the 10th anniversary year of the publication of *Laudato Si'*, we are encouraged to consider our response to the call to care for our common home.

"Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience" (*Laudato Si'*, 217).

A message from Pope Leo and resources can be found here: [Season of Creation - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)



LAUDATO SI'

2025 marks the **tenth anniversary** of his landmark encyclical *Laudato Si'*, a transformative call to "care for our common home"

Addressed to all people of good will, *Laudato Si'* urged global action on climate change as a moral and social justice issue, highlighting the interconnected 'cry of the earth' and 'the cry of the poor'.

Now ten years on, CAFOD partners and staff consider the impact of this groundbreaking encyclical and how it inspires us to act today.

[Celebrating 10 years of *Laudato Si'*](#)

[Laudato Si' encyclical resources](#)

PRAYER, LITURGY & CHAPLAINCY

Humanitarian Crisis in Gaza

How can we, in Catholic schools, respond to the humanitarian crisis in Gaza?

As we cannot undertake due diligence on the many charities claiming to support this situation, we would urge you not to support charities whose political affiliations may be unknown and who may not more broadly support Catholic teachings / values.

CAFOD is a member of the Disasters Emergency Committee, which has a staff on the ground, and they are running an ongoing appeal. We would therefore advise you to direct any financial support in that direction [Middle East Humanitarian Appeal](#)

CAFOD also has prayer resources: [Pray for peace in the Middle East](#)

God of steadfast love,

We grieve for those caught in violence and bloodshed, those forced to leave their homes and livelihoods, and all who experience poverty and marginalisation.

We give thanks for the courage and compassion of humanitarian workers in places of crisis and conflict. Protect them and strengthen them in their vital work.

Inspire leaders to work for peace and justice, and lead each of us to play our part, so the dignity of all people may be recognised, and all may flourish in safety and hope. Amen

Caroline Stanton, CAFOD

[War in Gaza must be ended not increased, says Cardinal Nichols – Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)

Prayer and Liturgy

Those of you who follow [abeducationservice](#) on Instagram will know we collaborate with **Mark 10 Mission** to send notifications out about their great resources.

Founder Greg Finn will be joining us for our [Prayer and Liturgy Coordinators day](#) on 4 February 2026 but in the meantime, schools may like to know about their monthly webinars and other support they offer.

[The Mark 10 Mission – About Us](#)

For **Secondary schools**, there are also excellent resources available: [The Redeemed >>>](#)

Greg writes:

“Lots of schools have already joined our staff formation membership program and I can now announce that Chief Inspector of Catholic Schools, Philip Robinson will join me for our monthly webinar on 16 October.

Our hope at The Mark 10 Mission is for every school to deliver outstanding prayer and liturgy every day. One subject that always comes up when I visit schools is child-led Prayer and Liturgy. I find there is a lot of confusion about what ‘Child-Led’ means.

Therefore, this will definitely be one of the main talking points during my discussion with Philip. We will also speak about why prayer and liturgy is so important, what brilliant prayer and liturgy looks like, how often it should be done and what inspectors are being told to look for!

Each month, we will host exclusive online webinars for all our member schools, and we are going to put on nine next year. The webinars will share information, guidance and inspiration to help teachers and school leaders deliver outstanding prayer and liturgy. Here are the dates below (on following page). You can join us live or catch up on the recordings. All recordings will be available in the members section on our website.

If your school or trust hasn't yet joined our memberships for 2025/26 you can find lots more details and sign up by [clicking here >>>](#)

IMPORTANT: Memberships are all about staff formation. Our videos for children will still be as FREE and easily accessible as ever.

If you would like a package that covers all schools in your Multi-Academy Trust, please do not hesitate to get in-touch. We would love to welcome all of your schools and can create a tailored package for you.

E: Greg@themark10mission.co.uk

<p>Wednesday</p> <p>SEPTEMBER 17TH</p> <p>Planning a Year of Prayer & Liturgy</p> <p>3.30 - 4.30pm</p>	<p>Thursday</p> <p>OCTOBER 16TH</p> <p>Helping Children to Plan and Lead</p> <p>3.30 - 4.30pm</p>	<p>Wednesday</p> <p>NOVEMBER 19TH</p> <p>Preparing for Advent</p> <p>3.30 - 4.30pm</p>
<p>Wednesday</p> <p>JANUARY 14TH</p> <p>Choosing Scripture</p> <p>3.30 - 4.30pm</p>	<p>Wednesday</p> <p>FEBRUARY 11TH</p> <p>Preparing for Lent</p> <p>3.30 - 4.30pm</p>	<p>Wednesday</p> <p>MARCH 18TH</p> <p>Choosing Symbols to Deepen Prayer</p> <p>3.30 - 4.30pm</p>
<p>Wednesday</p> <p>APRIL 22ND</p> <p>Helping Children to Hear God's Voice</p> <p>3.30 - 4.30pm</p>	<p>Wednesday</p> <p>MAY 20TH</p> <p>Music and Song in Prayer & Liturgy</p> <p>3.30 - 4.30pm</p>	<p>Wednesday</p> <p>JUNE 17TH</p> <p>Sending Children Out On Mission</p> <p>3.30 - 4.30pm</p>



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The God Who Speaks

[The God Who Speaks](#) have great resources for Primary and Secondary schools alongside sections on Saints and Seasons, Scripture and Science and for those embedding CST, A Toolkit for Scripture and Social Action.

Catholic Social Teaching

Do visit the page on the diocesan website which also gives details regarding the Faith in Action Award and the Romero Award [Catholic Social Teaching](#)

We had a wonderful celebration in Worth Abbey in June, where Faith in Action Award recipients and schools achieving the Oscar Romero Award were presented with certificates [Faith in Action and Oscar Romero Award winners gather at Worth Abbey | News](#) and we look forward to seeing even more young people and schools at the ceremony in 2026!

Chaplaincy

Dates are in the CPD calendar for Chaplains meetings in 2025-2026 [here >>>](#) so please do sign up.

This term, Theresa McNamara is hosting a meeting to welcome those who are new to Chaplaincy in the diocese [Chaplain's Diocesan Induction \(12-Sep-2025\)](#)

Liturgical Calendar

Please find the links to the Liturgical Calendar 2025-2026 along with the Ordo, the Order for the Celebration of Mass and of the Divine Office according to the General Roman Calendar for the Liturgical Year 2025, together with directives for the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton

[Resources for Prayer and Liturgy Coordinators - Google Drive](#)

[Directory A5 2025](#)

Retreat Days at Ladywell

Julie Oldroyd was delighted to be at The Franciscan Centre, Ladywell in Godalming over the summer and able to watch the 'Tipi' being erected, ready to welcome school and youth groups for day retreats between March to October, with the first groups due out early in the term. David Beresford writes:

We're thrilled to share the first images of our brand-new Tipi – a beautiful and versatile space designed especially for school and parish retreat days.

Set in a peaceful corner of a wide, green field, the Tipi offers room to breathe. Students can run, play football, share a picnic, or simply enjoy being together in the beauty of creation. Inside, the large windows flood the space with natural light, creating a bright and uplifting atmosphere for prayer, reflection, and togetherness.

We know how valuable it is for young people to step outside the classroom and encounter something different. A retreat day at the Franciscan Centre Ladywell offers that chance – a day to pause, to reflect, and to experience faith in a fresh way. Our new Tipi gives us even more flexibility to welcome groups, but we expect it to be a very popular venue. If you're thinking about adding a retreat to your calendar, now is a great time to get in touch to explore what might work best for your students.

Every retreat at Ladywell is created around your needs. Whether you'd like David to lead the day or simply to provide a safe and prayerful space, each retreat is

bespoke with a Franciscan flavour and designed to help your students flourish. The cost is £15 per student for the day.

For more information or to book please contact David on T: 01483 675575 or E: davidberesford@franciscancentre.org.uk



Schools Singing Programme

Our Choral Directors, Fraser Ellson and Billie Robson along with Claire Gale now have nineteen schools engaged with the School Singing programme.

If any other schools are interested in joining this flourishing programme, please contact E: julie.oldroyd@abdiocese.org.uk for further information.

The recent article in the Tablet about the programme in Leeds is worth reading, to see the impact the SSP is having more widely and where it has been embedded for a long time.

[Read here >>>](#)



Rise Theatre

Rise Theatre 1-hour one-act Passion Play is now available to book for secondary school performances during Lent 2026. Please see the poster on the next page.

The production begins with John 1:1–18, “The Word Became Flesh,” and moves through key Gospel moments — including the Wedding at Cana, the calling of Simon Peter, and the Miraculous Catch of Fish — before entering into the Passion narrative. Performed by four professional actors portraying twenty-three characters, the play blends physical theatre with a contemporary soundtrack to create a fast-paced and emotionally resonant experience for students.

A short highlights video can be viewed and shared here - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9HVM8UgXgb0>

Booking Information and Cost

1 performance in a day:
£800 + travel (from our Reading base)
2 performances in a day:
£950 + travel

10% discount (excluding travel) available for multi-day bookings

This is a fantastic opportunity for students to engage with the Gospel in a powerful and creative way, suitable for RE enrichment and deepening Lent reflections.



RISE THEATRE'S PASSION PLAY

Bookings now open for Lent 2026

Suitable for the whole school, our 1 hour original Passion Play depicts the key parts of Christ's Passion & other inspirational Gospel moments.

A fast-paced, emotionally impacting & "spine tingling" performance



Prices from £800 + travel

Up to 2 performances available per day.

Discounts available for bookings over multiple days

Get in touch to discuss your school's requirements

GET IN TOUCH WITH US TODAY

 admin@risetheatre.co.uk

 www.risetheatre.co.uk

RE & RSE 2025-2026

RE

All of Branch 1 resources are now available on the St Mary's University platform, continuing our commitment to share our resources with A&B schools and beyond.

[Catholic Diocese at St Mary's University](#)

The training for the Year 3 and 4 RED continues apace, and signups are now open for all training days this academic year.

Also available are days for Primary Leads, Secondary Heads of Department and new this year is a twilight session to support those mentoring secondary non-specialist RE teachers as well as the Postgraduate Certificate in RE.

[Catholic Leaders & CPD | Education Service](#)

10% RE curriculum time

Just a quick reminder that if you have made any adjustments to the number of teaching hours per week in your school – particularly to come in line with the 32.5 hour in-school week non-statutory recommendation for primary schools – please don't forget to adjust your RE teaching times to reflect 10% of any new total teaching time. Our guideline of 2.5 hours RE teaching time a week is for approximate guidance only – you will need to make the exact ten percent calculation based on your individual school teaching hours.



Invitation to a Q&A Session – Teaching about Judaism

**Tuesday 9th September 2025 –
3:45 to 4:45 pm**

Led by Anna Silver, the education officer at the Board of Deputies, this will be an engaging and hugely informative hour-long session. Its style is supportive and informal, so please do consider attending.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81931712721?pwd=fjurpbHS5c7leMd8wsQKiBIXL7M8sg.1>

Meeting ID: 819 3171 2721
Passcode: 288739

Anna also offers free online CPD for schools and charges expenses only for in-person INSET. For information, please contact Anna on:
E: anna.silver@bod.org.uk

Are you an RE teacher with questions about Judaism?

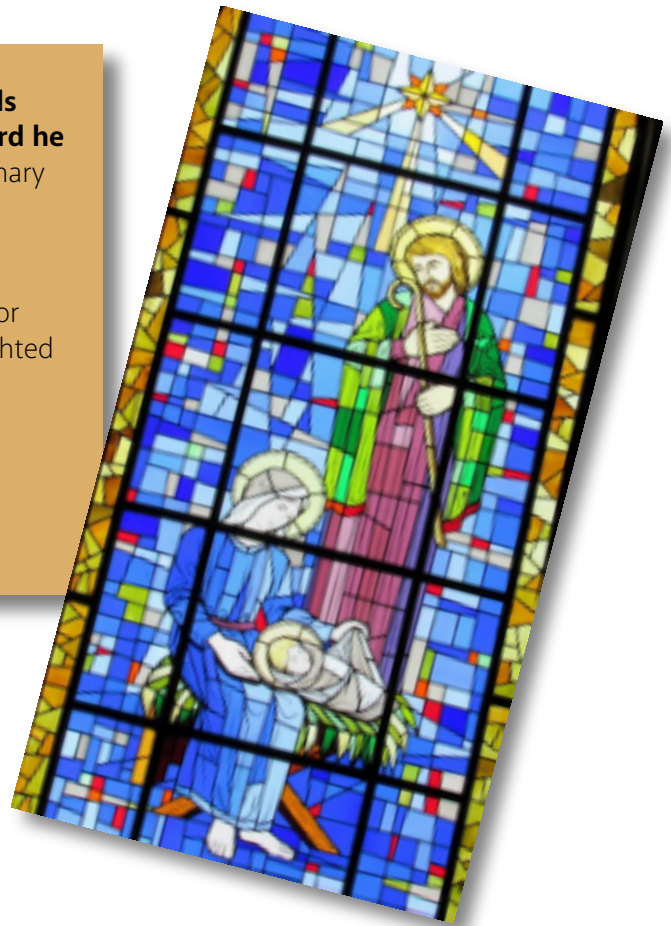
A chance to ask anything you like...
Open to primary and secondary teachers who teach Judaism
Why don't all...
What's the difference between...
I don't understand which...
Tues 9th September, 3.45-4.45pm
Any question answered
 **by Anna Silver,**
Education Officer

Monthly informal drop in session
(for monthly dates and zoom links email anna.silver@bod.org.uk)
For Zoom link see attached text

This year, Bishop Richard would like to invite pupils and students in school to design the Christmas card he will send out. There will be one chosen from the Primary school entrants and one from the Secondary school entrants.

It must be a nativity scene (not the Magi/Epiphany or Annunciation please) and Bishop Richard will be delighted to select the winners at the end of September.

Staff are asked to email entries to Julie Oldroyd
E: julie.oldroyd@abdiocese.org.uk by
Friday September 26 2025.



Radio Maria England School Poetry/ Songwriting/Spoken Word Competition

The theme is 'A Prayer for Christian Unity.'

Radio Maria England invites you to enter their poetry/songwriting/spoken word competition. In John's Gospel, Chapter 17: v1-26 Our Lord prays fervently for all people to be united with God and one another. This prayer has also inspired the motto of our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV "In the One we are one." Please refer to the Gospel passage for guidance and inspiration.

In the competition there are three age categories, 7-11yrs, 12-14yrs, 15-18yrs. Finalists will have the opportunity to perform their poems/songs/spoken word at a special event to showcase Christian Talent, which will also be broadcast live on Radio Maria England in the new academic year. Winners will be announced at the event and will receive the Radio Maria Young Herald's Trophy; details of additional prizes will follow. Entry is free, for further information please contact:

E: jerry.lohan@radiomariaengland.uk

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Relationships, Sex and Health Education Guidance

A message from Ten Ten Resources - The new RSHE Statutory Guidance

As you will be aware, the Department for Education has published new statutory guidance on relationships, sex and health education, which applies to schools in England, to be implemented in September 2026; the current guidelines will remain in place for the academic year 2025-26, so no immediate changes are required.

At Ten Ten Resources, we have been anticipating the changes for some time, but we did not know when they would take place or what the changes would be until now.

We can assure your schools that we will be reviewing and updating the Life to the Full programmes to make sure that the curriculum remains fit-for-purpose when the new statutory guidance comes into effect from September 2026. Here is what you and your schools can expect from us:

- In our First Monday Email in September, we will outline the changes that have been made to the statutory curriculum.
- Over the coming months, we will make all necessary updates to the programme as required whilst retaining the Catholic lens of the content.
- By the start of the Summer Term 2026, new content will be available online to help with teacher planning in readiness for the statutory changes in 2026. This will include any further training schools may find helpful, plus communication for parents.
- By September 2026, schools will be able to confidently teach any new materials that have been updated as part of the statutory changes.

Rod Isaacs,
Director of Ethos

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RAINBOWS



Claire Franke and Emily Stather, our diocesan Rainbows Registered Directors, will continue to run training throughout the academic year, with the first two dates in the autumn term.

Resilience and Wellbeing (26-Sep-2025)

Rainbows Coordinators' Training (11-Nov-2025)

Rainbows is a charity that relies on donations. Our diocesan Rainbows offer runs because of the generosity of the two Rainbows Directors and their schools, who release them to do this invaluable work and make no charge for this or for hosting at their schools. From September, each delegate will be asked to pay £40. This money will go directly to Rainbows in support of their work. This payment will not go to the diocese of the host schools. We appreciate your commitment to continuing to embed the Rainbows programme in your schools and thank you for your support of the charity.

Please do re-visit the featured article in the March 2025 issue of Alpha Beta for further information on the impact of the Rainbows programme in schools: [Alpha Beta Mar 2025](#)

DIOCESAN DIRECTORY

Schools wishing to purchase a copy of the 2026 Diocesan Directory can do so through their parishes, by contacting the parish secretary. As in previous years, directories are delivered in batches to central deanery (parish) locations, and not individually to each school.

The Directory form is going out to parishes on 1 September, with a request to complete it by **15 September**, so if you do require a copy this does need to be actioned by this date.

This link may be helpful in identifying the closest parish to your school
[Church Finder | Our Diocese](#)

SAFEGUARDING

As last year, a letter will be sent to all schools / trusts in September, confirming the DBS status of the Education Service staff, their safeguarding training. This year, we will include the same for clergy. Please ensure this letter is sent to whoever has oversight for the SCR, safeguarding and HR so it can be added to your systems.

CHURCHMARKETPLACE

CMP are delighted to welcome Colin Greaves to the CMP Team. Colin starts his post as School Engagement Officer 15th September. Colin boosts outreach capacity to support schools with Strategic Procurement and using the CMP service.

CMP are currently in the build mode of their new website which will go live in the New Year. For now please continue to use
www.churchmarketplace.org.uk

Get ready for the term ahead with expert support and exclusive savings, tailored for Catholic education.

From sourcing energy at competitive rates and expert leadership recruitment for Catholic Education, to accessing a free contracts register when you sign up to [CMP Education Buying](#), Churchmarketplace offers a comprehensive service designed to deliver value for money, ensure compliance and incorporate catholic values into the commercial and operational functions of your mission.

By working alongside school and trust leadership teams, CMP are here to assist you in developing a successful road map to procurement, according to your main priorities.

[Discover our 2025/26 Service Brochure here.](#)

We will circulate further information about our diocesan CMP Day taking place in January 2026, in due course. This will be an opportunity for HR, legal, estates, finance and IT staff in schools and trusts to find out more about strategic procurement and good business management. A range of suppliers will be circulated to schools in advance and there will be time for case studies, questions, and networking.

Sign up is here: [Churchmarketplace Event for school and trust staff \(21-Jan-2026\) - ChurchSuite Events](#)





School Business Managers

The School Business Managers Forum is an invaluable way to share experiences and information for the benefit of all schools in the diocese. The **next meeting is an in person gathering with lunch on Thursday 9 October** and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the day. We will be joined by representatives of both Bosco and Xavier trusts, who will provide a broader perspective on school and academy issues. Please book your place [here](#).

Health & Safety

Recent Prosecutions by the HSE have been prompted by the cutting of asbestos board within a school, injuries sustained by a pupil in a DT class, and the removal of branches from trees on the perimeter of school grounds.

- If a school seeks to undertake construction or maintenance work involving independent contractors, it must ensure that adequate due diligence is done before work begins to keep school premises safe and secure throughout. Failing to properly scrutinise potential contractors, particularly regarding their health and safety policies and practices, can endanger both students and teachers, and compromise the school premises.
- When evaluating health and safety risks on school grounds, particular attention should be paid to the age range of students involved. Failing to implement age-appropriate control mechanisms, like door guards, or impose strict supervision requirements for higher risk activities, can lead to near-misses at best and severe physical injuries at worst.
- The duty to maintain a safe and secure school environment applies to the general community for areas of the school grounds which are adjacent to/or interact with public walkways and areas. Schools should be mindful of neighbouring areas and areas of general community access and keep the safety of all impacted individuals at the forefront of their planning.

Terrorism Act

This Act gained Royal Assent in April 2025, although there is a minimum 24-month introduction period.

Schools will need to appoint a 'responsible person' to oversee compliance with the Terrorism Act, register their premises with the new regulatory function within the Security Industry Authority (SIA), and develop policies and procedures, such as lockdown and evacuation plans. The SIA will be issuing guidance in due course.

The Employment Rights Bill

This Bill represents the most sweeping changes to employment legislation for decades and schools will be affected. The changes include:

- The introduction of unfair dismissal rights from day one of employment
- Restricting the practice of dismissal and reengagement ('fire and rehire')
- Extending parental leave rights
- Strengthening trade union rights
- Guaranteed hours for workers on zero hours contracts; and
- Extending the limitation period for the vast majority of employment claims.

The government has published a ['Roadmap'](#) for the phased introduction of the Bill, which provides clarity and some relief. The key dates are April 2026 and October 2026, the final elements will be subject to extensive consultation before implementation in 2027. No immediate action is required but schools should be reflecting on how current working arrangements may be impacted by these changes.

Occupation of School premises

The Diocesan Education Service requires that every governing body and trust board review the *Occupation of School Premises* document (and advisory notes) at the beginning of the academic year and record in the minutes that it has done so. They are available at W: abdiocese.org.uk/education/

school-business-buildings. This will enable the Education Service to audit that all governing bodies are aware of their obligations and the requirement to consult with the Education Service before any works are carried out on diocesan school property/land.

VASCA Bids

A new guidance document is available to download from W: abdiocese.org.uk/education/school-business-buildings. Please bear in mind that bids for VASCA funded projects must be sent the diocese by **Friday 24 October 2025**, using the correct VASCA spreadsheet (with the correct bank account and contact details) and the new VASCA bid form (also available at W: abdiocese.org.uk/education/school-business-buildings) and sent to:

E: SchoolBuildings@abdiocese.org.uk

Please note

- Written confirmation is required from the Head and Chair of Governors that the school can meet 10% of cost will be required for the bid to be considered (a scanned e-mail is adequate).

- The print area on the bid page is already set to print out only what is needed for that confirmation.
- For bids to be considered it is also a requirement that the Education Service has a copy of a premises survey completed within the previous five years.

This is essential to give the Education Service sufficient time and information to review and rank the project proposals and determine which the diocese can support. Money is tighter than ever as more schools academise and the VASCA pot reduces. You may be asked to consider phasing your project or accepting part funding. Schools will be advised whether their bid has been successful by the end of 2025.

Ray Williamson, Estates Officer

E: SchoolBuildings@abdiocese.org.uk



FOUNDATION GOVERNORS

Foundation Governor and Director Application Process has gone Fully Online

We're pleased to announce that the Foundation Governor application process has been updated and is now fully online!

This new system has been designed to make the application journey more accessible, straightforward, and efficient for all applicants and their referees. It can be completed from any device—including your phone.

Key Updates:

- The application is now entirely digital.
- Accessible via the [Governor area of our website](#)
- Previous forms should no longer be used.

We kindly ask all clerks and governors to ensure that only the new online form is used going forward.

Thank you for supporting this important transition and helping us streamline the process for future governors.

We have also updated the advice we share regarding [Religious Practice and Marital Status](#). This document should be forwarded to anyone looking to apply to a reserved post which includes Foundation Governors and Directors and must always form part of the application pack for Headteacher, Head of School, Deputy Headteacher, Head of RE and any Chaplaincy related posts.

PARLIAMENTARY PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

There is an ongoing review by the Parliamentary Public Accounts Committee into [home-to-school transport for pupils with SEND](#), mainly focusing on huge local authority spending. The committee is interested in receiving evidence on how to manage rising demand; available support for young people; and efforts to maintain costs. If anyone has views, and can respond by **mid-September** by email on E: julie.oldroyd@abdiocese.org.uk, I will collate the diocesan response to send to the CES.

DfE PUBLICATION

Conversation guide for workload and wellbeing in schools and academy trusts

The DfE published this conversation guide recently. It was developed by the workforce subgroup of the Improving Education Together Board. The CES is a member of the IET Board and contributed to the drafting of the guide, which may be of interest to Governors and Trust Boards.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/conversation-guide-for-workload-and-wellbeing-in-schools-and-academy-trusts>

NOTE TO CLERKS

Briefings

The online clerk's briefings for next academic year are as follows:

Monday 20 October 25 10am – 11am
Wednesday 25 February 26 10am – 11am
Tuesday 19 May 26 10am – 11am

Please book online in the normal way.

It is important for all Clerks of Catholic schools to attend these meetings. They are an opportunity to address key topics relating to a Catholic specific focus and the role of Clerk to Foundation Governors. They also provide a chance to network and share best practice with other diocesan school and academy clerks.

Governors' Commissioning Mass

We have secured a date and venue for the Governors Commissioning Mass Celebrated by Bishop Richard. We hope that every school will be represented at this event.

Please add this as an agenda item to your meetings this term.

Venue: The Friary Church, Crawley
Date: Wednesday 4 March 2026
Time: 17:30 – 20:00

All Governors are welcome to celebrate their work and commitment within our diocesan family of schools.

Please book online in the normal way.

Reminders:

Changes to Governors

All updates / changes to the governing body should be updated on GIAS and communicated to E: gill.sajnog@abdiocese.org.uk as soon as they are known. This includes all categories of governors, not just Foundation Governors.

If you have not already done so, please send in a list of all the current governors and their email contact, please also include any vacancies.

Minutes

Minutes of the Full Governor Board and Headteacher reports should be sent on a termly basis. This is particularly key for those schools who are in the CSI and OFSTED windows as officers prepare to speak to inspectors. The minutes are also important in helping us to track issues with estates and budgets. Thank you to all those who have already sent minutes for last term. Please urgently submit any outstanding minutes electronically to E: gill.sajnog@abdiocese.org.uk

Parish Priest

Clerks are asked to send copies of the agenda and minutes of meeting to the parish priest and Chairs are to ensure that even if they are not governors, clergy are welcome to attend any meeting, particularly if it relates to Catholic Life and Mission.

Anspear

Please ensure that all governors are signed up to the Anspear App and have access to the on-line modules via your school specific code. All new Foundation Governors will now be asked to complete one course as part of their application process. Many governor courses going forward will also include completion of one of the modules prior to the online input, so it is really important that all governors have access. Feedback from those who have completed modules is extremely positive. Gill can send you a copy of your school code if required and the help desk number for Anspear is T: 01223 350555.

As clerk you should be able to see any training undertaken by individuals from your board or committee.

If you do not have this access please contact the help desk number for Anspear T: 01223 350555.

School Email

We ask that all governors are allocated and use a school email address. As a governor, the personal data you send over email must be kept secure. Use of a secure school email address helps you meet UK GDPR requirements. Please discuss this at the next Governor meeting if it is not general practice at your school.

ADMISSIONS



We are updating the model admission policies for the Diocese this Autumn term.

There will be two online sessions to communicate these changes,
6 October from 5-6pm and 8 October from 6-7pm.

It is advisable for Admissions Officers, Headteachers (or SLT) and Chairs of Governors to attend one of these sessions.

We kindly request that schools / governing bodies do not review their admission arrangements for the academic year until these information sessions have taken place.

Thank you,

Tamsin Connick
Education Officer

UPCOMING COURSES AND EVENTS THIS ACADEMIC YEAR

All courses for this academic year are now available and must be booked online, and the booking calendar has been streamlined to make sign-up easier and more straightforward.

Courses are available at: www.abdiocese.org.uk/education/catholic-leaders-cpd

If you have any queries regarding any of these courses or tutorials, please do not hesitate to contact us:

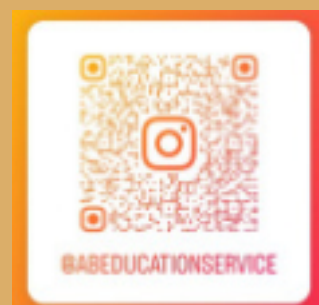
E: claire.martin@abdiocese.org.uk

T: 01293 651144

Please send us your Good News and Education Stories

We are very keen to celebrate Catholic education and publicise the fantastic work of our teachers, support staff and pupils more widely.

We would love to highlight news from schools across the Diocese on our [website here](#) and through the diocesan X and Facebook pages, and through the DES Instagram page (QR Code provided opposite). Please do send details to E: schools@abdiocese.org.uk
We look forward to hearing from you.



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Primary RE Leads (Day 1 of 2)	16 Sep	9:30am - 3pm	Cottesmore Golf Club, Buchan Hill, Crawley RH11 9AT	Click here
St Oscar Romero Awards: Information and Training Session	25 Sep	3:30pm - 5pm	Online	Click here
CYMFED Faith In Action Awards: Information and Training Session	30 Sep	3:30pm - 5pm	Online	Click here
Year 3 RE Directory Resources (Session 2 of 6)	1 Oct	9:30am - 3pm	Cottesmore Golf Club, Buchan Hill, Crawley RH11 9AT	Click here
Admissions Meeting A	6 Oct	5pm - 6pm	Online	Click here
Year 4 RE Directory Resources (Session 2 of 6)	7 Oct	9:30am - 3pm	South of England Event Centre, South of England Showground, RH17 6TL	Click here
CES Training for Human Resources Staff in Trusts/ Schools	7 Oct	11am - 1pm	Online	Click here
Admissions Meeting B	8 Oct	6pm - 7pm	Online	Click here
Year 4 RE Directory Resources (Session 3 of 6)	11 Nov	9:30am - 3pm	Cottesmore Golf Club, Buchan Hill, Crawley RH11 9AT	Click here
Masters in Catholic Leadership, St Mary's University (1 of 3)	13 Nov	4:30pm - 6:30pm	The St Philip Howard Centre, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 6RP	Click here
Year 3 RE Directory Resources (Session 3 of 6)	18 Nov	9:30am - 3pm	Cottesmore Golf Club, Buchan Hill, Crawley RH11 9AT	Click here



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Name	Date	Time	Location	Book now
Mentoring Non-Specialists in RE	16 Sep	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Online	Click here
Year 9 RE Directory Resources (Recap)	17 Sep	3:30pm - 5pm	Online	Click here
Secondary Heads of RE	23 Sep	9:30am - 3pm	The St Philip Howard Centre, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 6RP	Click here
Post-Graduate Certificate in RE (Session 1 of 7)	24 Sep	9:30am - 3pm	The St Philip Howard Centre, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 6RP	Click here
St Oscar Romero Awards: Information and Training Session	25 Sep	3:30pm - 5pm	Online	Click here
CYMFED Faith In Action Awards: Information and Training Session	30 Sep	3:30pm - 5pm	Online	Click here
Jubilee 2025 Secondary Pilgrimage, Arundel	2 Oct	9:45am - 2pm	Arundel Cathedral, London Road, Arundel, BN18 9AY	Click here
Admissions Meeting A	6 Oct	5pm - 6pm	Online	Click here
Secondary RSE (Day 1 of 2)	7 Oct	9:30am - 3pm	The St Philip Howard Centre, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 6RP	Click here
CES Training for Human Resources Staff in Trusts/ Schools	7 Oct	11am - 1pm	Online	Click here

Name	Date	Time	Location	Book now
Admissions Meeting B	8 Oct	6pm - 7pm	Online	Click here
Secondary Coordinators of Core RE	14 Oct	9:30am - 3pm	The St Philip Howard Centre, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, West Sussex,	Click here
Post-Graduate Certificate in RE (Session 2 of 7)	15 Oct	3:30pm - 5pm	Online	Click
Masters in Catholic Leadership, St Mary's University (1 of 3)	13 Nov	4:30pm - 6:30pm	The St Philip Howard Centre, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 6RP	Click here
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New to Teaching in Arundel & Brighton	2 Dec	9:30am - 3pm	Cottesmore Golf Club, Buchan Hill, Crawley RH11 9AT	Click here
Post-Graduate Certificate in RE (Session 3 of 7)	10 Dec	3:30pm - 5pm	Online	Click here

LEADERSHIP

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Primary RE Leads (Day 1 of 2)	16 Sep	9:30am – 3pm	Cottesmore Golf Club, Buchan Hill, Crawley RH11 9AT	Click here
Secondary Heads of RE	23 Sep	9:30am – 3pm	The St Philip Howard Centre, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 6RP	Click here
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Masters in Catholic Leadership, St Mary's University (1 of 3)	13 Nov	4:30pm – 6:30pm	The St Philip Howard Centre, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 6RP	Click here
School Leaders' Conference	20 Nov	9:30am – 3pm	South of England Event Centre, South of England Showground, RH17 6TL	Click here

GOVERNORS

Admissions Meeting A	6 Oct	5pm – 6pm	Online	Click here
Admissions Meeting B	8 Oct	6pm – 7pm	Online	Click here
Governance: Induction (Module 1 of 3)	15 Oct	6:30pm – 7:30pm	Online	Click here
Clerks' Forum	20 Oct	10am – 11am	Online	Click here
Chairs and Vice Chairs of Governors Annual Meeting	18 Nov	6:30pm – 8pm	Online	Click here

CHAPLAINS

New Chaplains Diocesan Induction	12 Sep	10am - 3pm	St Philip Howard Catholic School, Barnham, West Sussex, PO22 0EN	Click here
Meeting for Chaplains (1 of 2)	8 Oct	10am - 3pm	The St Philip Howard Centre, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 6RP	Click here

RAINBOWS

Resilience and Wellbeing	26 Sep	9am - 12pm	St George's Junior School, Weybridge, KT13 8NL	Click here
Rainbows Coordinators Training	11 Nov	9:30am - 3pm	St Wilfrid's Catholic School, St Wilfrid's Way, Old Horsham Rd, Crawley RH11 8PG	Click here

SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGERS

CES Training for Human Resources Staff in Trusts/ Schools	7 Oct	11am - 1pm	Online	Click here
School Business Managers' Forum (1 of 3)	9 Oct	10am - 12:30pm	The St Philip Howard Centre, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 6RP	Click here

CYMFED FAITH IN ACTION

CYMFED Faith In Action Awards: Information and Training Session	30 Sep	3:30pm - 5pm	Online	Click here
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Exploring the Vocation to Teaching	13 Jan	5:30pm - 6:30pm	Online	Click here
Year 4 RE Directory Resources (Session 4 of 6)	20 Jan	9:30am - 3pm	Cottesmore Golf Club, Buchan Hill, Crawley RH11 9AT	Click here
Churchmarketplace Event for school and trust staff	21 Jan	11am - 1pm	TBC	Click here
Year 3 RE Directory Resources (Session 4 of 6)	28 Jan	9:30am - 3pm	Cottesmore Golf Club, Buchan Hill, Crawley RH11 9AT	Click here
Prayer and Liturgy Coordinators (Day 1 of 2)	4 Feb	9:30am - 3pm	Cottesmore Golf Club, Buchan Hill, Crawley RH11 9AT	Click here
Primary School Leaders' Conference	12 Feb	9:30am - 3pm	Cottesmore Golf Club, Buchan Hill, Crawley RH11 9AT	Click here
Thinking of teaching in a Catholic School	24 Feb	4pm - 5pm	Online	Click here
Masters in Catholic Leadership, St Mary's University (2 of 3)	2 Mar	4:30pm - 6:30pm	The St Philip Howard Centre, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 6RP	Click here
Primary and Secondary RSE Conference	3 Mar	9:30am - 3pm	Cottesmore Golf Club, Buchan Hill, Crawley RH11 9AT	Click here
Year 4 RE Directory Resources (Session 5 of 6)	10 Mar	9:30am - 3pm	Cottesmore Golf Club, Buchan Hill, Crawley RH11 9AT	Click here
Year 3 RE Directory Resources (Session 5 of 6)	18 Mar	9:30am - 3pm	Cottesmore Golf Club, Buchan Hill, Crawley RH11 9AT	Click here
Primary RE Leads (Day 2 of 2)	24 Mar	9:30am - 3pm	South of England Event Centre, South of England Showground, RH17 6TL	Click here

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Prayer and Liturgy Coordinators (Day 1 of 2)	4 Feb	9:30am - 3pm	Cottesmore Golf Club, Buchan Hill, Crawley RH11 9AT	Click here
Information Event for Career Advisors in schools and trusts	10 Feb	10am - 11am	Online	Click here
Post Graduate Certificate in RE (Session 4 of 7)	11 Feb	3:30pm - 5:30pm	Online	Click here
Thinking of teaching in a Catholic School	24 Feb	4pm - 5pm	Online	Click here
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Secondary Heads of RE (Day 2 of 3)	24 Mar	9:30am - 3pm	South of England Event Centre, South of England Showground, RH17 6TL	Click here

CATHOLIC SCHOOL INSPECTIONS (CSI)

Name	Date	Time	Location	Book now
CSI Inspectors and Governors' Commissioning Mass	4 Mar	5:30pm - 8pm	Friary Church of St Francis and St Anthony, Haslett Avenue, Crawley, RH10 1HR	Click here

LEADERSHIP

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Clerks' Forum (2 of 3)	25 Feb	10am - 11am	Online	Click here
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CHAPLAINS

Surrey Chaplains Meeting	23 Jan	10am - 1pm	St John the Baptist School Elmbridge Lane, Kingfield, Woking Surrey, GU22 9AL	Click here
Sussex Chaplains Meeting	29 Jan	10am - 1pm	St Paul's Catholic College Jane Murray Way, Burgess Hill, West Sussex, RH15 8GA	Click here

RAINBOWS

Rainbows Facilitators' Training	27 Jan	10am - 2:30pm	St Wilfrid's Catholic School, St Wilfrid's Way, Old Horsham Rd, Crawley RH11 8PG	Click here
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SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGERS

Churchmarketplace Event for school and trust staff	21 Jan	11am - 1pm	TBC	Click here
School Business Managers' Forum (2 of 3)	11 Feb	10am - 12pm	Online	Click here



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Year 4 RE Directory Resources (Session 6 of 6)	29 Apr	9:30am - 3pm	Cottesmore Golf Club, Buchan Hill, Crawley RH11 9AT	Click here
Year 3 RE Directory Resources (Session 6 of 6)	6 May	9:30am - 3pm	Cottesmore Golf Club, Buchan Hill, Crawley RH11 9AT	Click here
Prayer and Liturgy Coordinators (Day 2 of 2)	10 Jun	9:30am - 3pm	Cottesmore Golf Club, Buchan Hill, Crawley RH11 9AT	Click here
Good Shepherd Celebration	18 Jun	11:30am - 2pm	Worth Abbey, Paddockhurst Road, Crawley, RH10 4SB	Click here
Masters in Catholic Leadership, St Mary's University (3 of 3)	6 Jul	4:30pm - 6:30pm	The St Philip Howard Centre, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 6RP	Click here



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LEADERSHIP

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Secondary Heads of RE (Day 3 of 3)	30 Jun	9:30am - 3pm	The St Philip Howard Centre, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, West Sussex,	Click here
School Leaders' Mass of Thanksgiving	2 Jul	3:30pm - 6:30pm	Arundel Cathedral, London Road, Arundel, BN18 9AY	Click here

GOVERNORS

Governance: Induction (Module 3 of 3)	13 May	6:30pm - 8pm	Online	Click here
Clerks' Forum (3 of 3)	19 May	10am - 11am	Online	Click here

CHAPLAINS

Chaplains Retreat	18 - 19 May	12pm - 12pm	Columba's House, Maybury Hill, Woking, GU22 8AB	Click here
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RAINBOWS

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