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**DIOCESAN AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE SUMMER TERM 2025**

1. **Service Newsletter**

The Sway newsletter is our half-termly update and contain information to relating to schools, including governance, training dates, and important updates. Please share this with all governors.

1. **Bishop's Visit – protocols**

A new protocol for requesting visits from the Bishop has been shared with schools. Please be aware of this when planning for school events.

**3. Education Mass**

The annual Education Mass will take place on **3rd July at St. Peter's Cathedral, Lancaster at 6:30pm**. This is the principal celebration of the wonderful work of our schools and the Bishop will be leading the Mass. All are warmly invited to attend. A registration form/booking system link will be sent to schools to register new staff or governors to be commissioned. Please ensure this is completed at the earliest possible opportunity.

**4. Headteacher retreat**

There will be a spiritual retreat for Headteachers on 15th – 19th June 2026, to Palazzola near Rome. Governors are encouraged to support Headteachers if they wish to attend. Places are limited and will be on a first come first served basis.

**5. Centenary of the Diocese**

If your school hasn't signed up to the Centenary History project yet, we invite you to get involved. This project is a wonderful way to connect pupils with your school's past and for them to get a sense of its place in the larger story of the Diocese. To register and get more information, please visit:

<https://forms.microsoft.com/e/WeXBvNMNSv>

**6. Jubilee Year**

Many thanks for all the entries for the Jubilee art competition. The winners will be announced in early May and invited to the prize-giving with Bishop Paul on June 16th at the Education Centre in Lancaster. Do please also share any photos you may have of the statue tour - we would love to include these on the bulletin.

**7. Governor Training**

We are pleased to invite all governors to our upcoming Governor Training sessions at the Jack McLaughlin Centre at Corpus Christi Catholic High School, Fulwood, Preston PR2 8QY on Thursday 26th June. Two identical sessions will be offered, an afternoon session from 1-3pm, and an evening session from 5-7pm. Content will include S48 inspections, curriculum RE, prayer and liturgy, and sessions for those new to governance. Please contact Jackie Broadley to book a place on this training: ([jackie.broadley@lrcd.org.uk](mailto:jackie.broadley@lrcd.org.uk))

**8. RE Moderation**

Annual RE moderation will take place in three venues across the Diocese on Wednesday 18th June from 9:30 am – 3:00 pm at

* Blessed Christopher Robinson House, Carlisle;
* Jack McLaughlin Centre, Corpus Christi, Preston;
* St Cuthbert’s Academy, Blackpool.

Governors with responsibility for curriculum RE are very welcome to attend one of these. If so, please contact Jackie Broadley at [jackie.broadley@lrcd.org.uk](mailto:jackie.broadley@lrcd.org.uk) for catering purposes.