

# THE ALPHA BETA

The news and information bulletin  
from the A&B Education Service



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# FROM JULIE OLDROYD

**As we publish the final edition of Alpha Beta for this academic year, I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all the best for the rest of this busy term.**

We will be saying 'goodbye and thank you' to a number of colleagues in July, as they retire or move on to new positions.

**Michael Ferry** (St Wilfrid's, Crawley) has been Head since 2014 and his commitment to the community the school serves is recognised as outstanding by colleagues, parents and students alike. Michael has been a long-serving member of the Diocesan Education Committee, and his insights and contributions will be greatly missed.

**Alan Mitchell** (St Andrew's, Leatherhead) has taken the school on a remarkable journey since becoming Head in September 2010. His inspirational leadership has impacted on many colleagues and the energy he has brought to the role and commitment to excellence is recognised, not just within the diocese but nationally.

**Toby Miller** (St Peter's, Guildford) has served as Head since September 2014, and his leadership of the school has ensured its continued commitment to high standards. He has supported the work of the diocesan Education Service and has recently chaired the Secondary Heads group, bringing colleagues together to share best practice.

**Peter Edgington** (St Mary's, Bognor and St Richard's, Chichester) has most recently served as Executive Head, supporting both schools during a time of transition in leadership and as they joined Bosco CET. He has been an inspiration and support to many during his sixteen years in leadership posts within the diocese.

**Zelia Munnick** (Holy Family, Addlestone) and **Sam Crome** (St Joseph's, Dorking) have both been Acting Heads and we extend our thanks to them for continuing in their leadership positions during this year and to all governors and colleagues who have ensured that interim arrangements were secured.

**Kate Crees** (St Peter's Shoreham) and **Gemma Irvine** (St Mary's, Worthing) are both stepping down as Heads in their respective schools as they take up new posts as Local Directors of Primary Education within Bosco CET. Both have led their schools to stability and great success, and we wish them well in their new role.

**Peter O'Brien**, Foundation Director and former Chair of Xavier CET is stepping down this summer. His leadership during the key stages of the formation of the Trust was invaluable in securing its growth and we are indebted to him for his witness and service to Catholic education.

Congratulations to **Kate Licence** who has been appointed Director of Primary Education at WMAT for September 2026. This is a well-deserved promotion for Kate who has held various roles within Xavier over the last 10 years, including being the transformative Headteacher at The Marist before moving on to become an Executive Headteacher and then Local Director of Primary Education.

I also want to record my thanks to two colleagues in the Education Service. **Fraser Ellson** joined us three years ago as Choral Director for Surrey, at the start of our journey with the Schools Singing Programme and he has been instrumental in its success. Working with nine schools, he has taught class lessons, led choirs, supported parish events and done so with great passion for choral singing. He goes on to a role in Cranleigh Prep School, and we thank him and wish him well.

**Dave Legrand** has been our Secondary RE and Catholic Ethos Adviser for three years. He has been seconded for two days a week, leading the Secondary Heads of RE and RSE meetings and training events and making a significant contribution to the work around recruitment and retention, having formed a collaboration with St Mary's University to deliver the PGCert for non-specialist teachers to gain a qualification to teach RE. Thank you to both Salesian School and St Peter's, Guildford for releasing Dave to undertake this work for the Diocese.

On behalf of all at the Diocesan Education Service, may I wish those named above, along with all staff and governors who are retiring or moving on every blessing and happiness. We give thanks for everything you have done to support and enhance Catholic education in the diocese of Arundel and Brighton and hope you will be filled with many blessings in the years ahead.



# LITURGICAL RESOURCES

Many congratulations to all schools who participated in CAFOD's Big Lent Walk and Mark 10 Mission Stations of the Cross during Lent. It was great to see so many schools observing the season of Lent and we continue to highlight these activities both on our Instagram and the Education Service news hub pages.

[Schools across our diocese join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk | News](#)

## Liturgical resources for the Easter Season

[The Mark 10 Mission](#)

[Ten Ten Resources](#) – Changing the world with creative Catholic content

[Cafod prayer resources](#)

### God Who Speaks

Our May theme is 'The Coming of the Spirit'  
[www.godwhospeaks.uk](http://www.godwhospeaks.uk)

**1 May:** Feast of St Joseph the Worker:  
[Patron for workers and the workplace.](#)

Good Work and the Bible:  
[What does Scripture say about work?](#)

The In-Between Times Poster:  
[Easter to Pentecost](#)

**14 May:** [Feast of the Ascension](#)  
Ascension: [The Cloud of Knowing](#)

**24 May:** Pentecost  
[Birthday of the Church](#)

[Pentecost Novena for Young People](#)

[Pentecost Activities](#)  
[A Guide to the Holy Spirit](#)

[Pentecost, Liturgy and some Pastoral Ideas](#)

**31 May:** Feast of the Most Holy Trinity  
[www.godwhospeaks.uk/sign-of-the-cross/Celebrating Trinity Sunday](http://www.godwhospeaks.uk/sign-of-the-cross/Celebrating-Trinity-Sunday)

May is the Month of Mary:  
why is she associated with the Lily and the Rose?  
[www.godwhospeaks.uk/mary-month-of-flowers/](http://www.godwhospeaks.uk/mary-month-of-flowers/)

Visual Commentary on Scripture:  
[Abraham's Early Life and Journey into Canaan by Professor Susan Docherty](#)

### Coming soon –

- Divine Designs: Bible and Art Competition and Exhibition.
- God in Art: Ecumenical and Interfaith Lesson Plans for Primary and Secondary schools.

### Social Justice Calendar May 2026 from CSAN

- 1 May -** Anniversary of the Publication in 1991 of the social encyclical, *Centesimus Annus* by Pope John Paul II
- 9 May -** Birthday of Peter Maurin, co-founder of the Catholic Worker Movement
- 15 May -** Anniversary of the Publication in 1891 of the social encyclical, *Rerum Novarum*, by Pope Leo XIII
- 21 May -** Feast of Blessed Franz Jaggerstatter, executed for his conscientious objection to serving in Hitler's army
- 22 May -** Feast of St. Rita, patroness of all victims and survivors of domestic violence
- 24 May -** Anniversary of the Publication in 2015 of the social encyclical, *Laudato Si'* by Pope Francis
- 29 May -** Feast day of Pope St. Paul VI, who oversaw the conclusion of Vatican II and its initial implementation
- 31 May -** Feast of the Visitation to the Blessed Virgin Mary

### Liturgical Calendar 2026-2027

Please find the liturgical calendar for the academic year 2026-2027 provided by Jane Porter, School Chaplain and Trust Leader of Chaplaincy at the St Thomas Catholic Academy Trust.

[Liturgy Office | Spirit of the Season](#)

## Secondary School Retreats & 90 Minute Sessions

Immersive & interactive retreat days & shorter session options for whole year groups, delivered at your school/college to support your Catholic Ethos

**COMING SOON**  
A 90-Minute Session on Catholic Social Teaching!  
Launching 2026/27



### What can you expect from RISE Theatre

- Original RISE Theatre film or live theatre performance
- An immersive theatre experience
- Group discussions
- Short sketches
- Art Activities
- Prayer & Reflection
- Testimonies



**Book now for 2026/27!**

Discounts available for schools booking multiple Rise Theatre Retreat Days in an academic year!

Visit: [www.risetheatre.co.uk/secondary](http://www.risetheatre.co.uk/secondary) or Email: [admin@risetheatre.co.uk](mailto:admin@risetheatre.co.uk)

### The Happiness Show Years 7-9



Based around a live theatre performance of a quirky fictional TV show - 'The Happiness Show' - this fun & energetic day explores how each of us is invited by God to experience life to the full, with a thought-provoking mix of short sketches, videos, interactive classroom sessions & reflection.



*"[The day was] pitched just right for the year groups - ...the Year 7's were having the best time, dancing along to the music and generally participating with enormous enthusiasm"*  
Holy Family School, Walthamstow

### The Room Years 9-11



Based around a dramatic RISE film - 'The Room' - students follow the story of the central character, Daniel, as he navigates his way through a captivating game show & explores The Bible's salvation story through 6 unique rooms. In this interactive retreat day, students are invited to reflect on their own life story.

*"RISE Theatre's visit to Bishop Challoner School was an unforgettable experience. Their RE retreats were engaging, thought-provoking, and spiritually uplifting. Through powerful drama, and personal testimony, they inspired students to reflect deeply on their faith and relationship with God. The team's energy, creativity, and authenticity truly connected with everyone. It was an amazing opportunity for spiritual growth and community building."*  
Bishop Challoner, Bromley

### The Masterpiece Years 11-13



Students are taken on an immersive journey based on the RISE film - 'The Masterpiece' - an intriguing story of three strangers brought together by a mysterious commissioner. Each student is given the opportunity to creatively explore themes around their God-given identity as a unique masterpiece.

*"Not only was 'The Masterpiece' entertaining and engaging, it was powerful, thought-provoking and moving. Students were given time to reflect, discuss, get creative and think more about their passions, future, self-worth and identity"*  
St Francis Xavier, North Yorkshire



### 90 Minute Sessions



*Perfect for mission weeks  
or school events!*

All of our retreat days can be delivered as 90-minute interactive sessions, making it easy to **accommodate multiple year groups** within a single day. We're happy to tailor the programme to your requirements, including offering shorter sessions if needed.

## Cost & Booking

Full day retreats - £950+travel

90 minutes sessions - from £600+travel

Discounts available for schools booking multiple Rise Theatre Retreat Days in an academic year



[admin@risetheatre.co.uk](mailto:admin@risetheatre.co.uk)

# PRAYER AND LITURGY COORDINATORS DAY WITH JO BOYCE AND CJM MUSIC



We are delighted to welcome Jo to the Diocese and look forward to a day learning more about praise and worship.

**Wed 10 Jun**

[Sign up here >>>](#)



## GOOD SHEPHERD CELEBRATION: **Anchored in Hope**

Schools will gather in Worth Abbey with Mgr Tony Barry on **18 June at 11am** for the Good Shepherd celebration, during which the decorated anchors will be presented by each of our diocesan schools. Please see the January 2026 edition of Alpha Beta page 13 for details. [Alpha Beta Jan 2026](#)

Missio will be present as we make our annual donation to their work. Please ensure that your school donation has been made so that we can include it in the presentation amount. You can donate online at w: [missiontogether.org.uk/donate-now/](https://missiontogether.org.uk/donate-now/). Alternatively, any cheques should be made payable to Mission Together and sent before the celebration to: Missio, 23 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1NU.

## MASS OF THANKSGIVING

The Mass of Thanksgiving at the end of the academic year will take place at Arundel Cathedral on **2 July at 3.30pm**, celebrated by Mgr Tony Barry. A warm welcome is extended to all school leaders, Heads and Chairs of Governors, to join us and please do [sign up here >>>](#)

[Please complete this form](#) if you would like the Education Service to invite any member of staff from your school who is retiring, leaving, or stepping down after long service, so that we can celebrate their contribution to our diocesan family of schools. This can be teaching, support staff, governors or volunteers who have given great service to your school. They will receive a personalized invitation to bring someone with them. All recipients will be presented with a certificate and those with 10 years' service or more will be presented with a diocesan Education Service medal.



# CYMFED FLAME CONGRESS 2027

You and your students are invited to join the Youth team from the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton at CYMFed's Flame Congress at the OVO Wembley Arena on **Saturday 6 March 2027**.

Flame Congress is the largest Catholic Youth event in England and Wales. Organised by the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation (CYMFed) it is designed for young people aged 14 and over to share their faith with over 10,000 others!

This bi-annual gathering aims to inspire and empower young people through faith, community and engaging activities with input from world-renowned speakers, charities, Christian groups and youth ministry teams, making it a significant occasion in the Catholic Youth calendar!

If you are interested in bringing a group from your school, please purchase tickets through Churchsuite: [CYMFed's Flame Congress \(Schools\) \(06-Mar-2027\)](#)

Booking tickets through the Diocese allows the schools and groups from Arundel & Brighton to sit together in a designated A&B section of the arena.

Earlybird tickets cost **£30 per person**; this includes the price of the ticket and an A&B T-shirt. Earlybird prices will be available until Monday 23 November 2026. Full price tickets will then be £35pp.

As you can imagine, the event is very popular so booking ASAP is essential.

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## YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TWO-DAY COURSE

The Youth Mental Health First Aid course is ideal for anyone who lives with, works with, or supports young people aged 8 to 18 and wants to gain the knowledge, awareness, and skills to spot the signs of a young person experiencing poor mental health, the confidence to start a conversation, and the tools to safeguard and signpost to appropriate support.

Youth Mental Health First Aiders receive three years of certification and are invited to join the Association of Mental Health First Aiders– England's first and only membership body for MHFAiders. As well as access to ongoing learning and expert support, members gain the benefits of being part of a national movement for better mental health.

You can access further information via the following link:

[Become a Youth Mental Health First Aider - MHFA England](#)

**Dates:** Thursday 4 and Friday 5 June 2026

**Times:** 9am – 5pm both days

**Venue:** Mayfield School, East Sussex

Thanks to our inhouse instructor, Mayfield School is delighted to offer the course for £100 per delegate. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Please contact Dan Smith to register your interest:

**E:** [dsmith@mayfieldgirls.org](mailto:dsmith@mayfieldgirls.org)



## A Charity Dedicated to Education That Saves Lives

Hello,

Adam was just 19. Vibrant, joyful, and full of love. He had a way of lighting up every room. He was the friend everyone turned to. The idea that we could lose someone like him to suicide felt unimaginable. Yet in 2011, with no warning signs, Adam took his own life.

Adam's Light was founded in loving memory of Adam, with a mission to prevent suicide among young people under 30. The charity was created by his mum, Lauren Carvalho, whose years of counselling bereaved families and delivering suicide-prevention training inspired her to take action. Adam's Light exists to shine into the spaces where silence and stigma too often prevail, offering hope, understanding, and support to those who need it most.

Through honest conversations, impactful talks, and education in schools/colleges and communities, Adam's Light helps young people feel seen, supported, and never alone.

We would like to offer you the opportunity to host a talk by Lauren, representing Adam's Light, tailored for parents, carers, teachers or students. Drawing from her lived experience and professional expertise, Lauren presents:

### 'Creating a Suicide-Safe Environment for Our Young'

*A deeply informative and compassionate session that explores:*

- Why Suicide Prevention is necessary
- What is Mental Health
- Why suicide is not talked about
- Why some young people take their own lives
- How we spot the signs
- How to start difficult conversations
- How to support someone who is bereaved
- How to support someone in crisis
- How to protect your own wellbeing

The talk lasts about an hour, with an optional Q&A, and is offered free of charge. While donations are by no means expected, they are appreciated, as they help us continue this important work and reach even more people... a way of paying it forward.

If you have any questions or would like to accept our offer, please contact us at:

**[info@adamslight.com](mailto:info@adamslight.com)**

Warm regards,  
Adam's Light



## **BUILDING A NATIONAL DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY**

We at theASCENT long for the young people of the UK to hear about God's love for them. Therefore we have dreamt up a united, nationwide mission to reach as many young people as possible and take them on a journey of faith. This summer we hope that many schools and parishes around the country will join together in running Alpha Youth for young people in years 9 and 10 in their local context for 7 weeks in June and July. theASCENT will be running their own Alpha Youth online at the same time and offering the option to join in with this for any schools or parishes who are unable to run their own.

This will be a pilot year in preparation for a much bigger Alpha next year following on from **flame** 2021 on the 6th March at Wembley arena, where we hope many more schools and parishes will join in!

### **WHY ALPHA YOUTH?**

After 15 years of youth ministry, we believe Alpha is one of the most effective tools for helping young people move from "knowing about" God to a living relationship with Jesus. Across 7 engaging weeks, Alpha uses high-quality videos and small group conversations to explore faith in a relaxed, non-pressured environment. It is the perfect "invite-a-friend" tool for those already in the pews and those who have never stepped foot in a church.

*theASCENT is run in partnership with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, Chemin Neuf, Cor et Lumen Christi, CHARIS and the following dioceses: Southwark, Westminster, Arundel and Brighton, Northampton, Nottingham and Lancaster.*

# ALPHA YOUTH SERIES

## **HOW DO WE GET INVOLVED?**

There are two ways to participate:

### **Option 1: Run it Locally (Recommended)**

Best for: Parishes & Schools

How? You host in-person (Years 9 & 10) with food, games, and the Alpha Youth videos.

Resources:

- Full support & registration via [alpha.org.uk/run-alpha](http://alpha.org.uk/run-alpha)
- [Alpha Youth Training Webinar](#)  
13th April 7-8.30pm

### **Option 2: Join theASCENT Online**

Who: Only for individual young people

How? theASCENT team facilitates weekly Zoom session on Monday nights, using the Alpha Youth videos.

Note: Limited capacity - first come, first served. **Sign up here!**



**THE HIGHLIGHT: REGIONAL  
HOLY SPIRIT DAYS**

Saturday, 11th July | 12:30 – 18:30

The "Holy Spirit Day" is the heart of the Alpha experience. We recognise that this can sometimes be challenging to run in a local context and that's why theASCENT is offering regional Holy Spirit days which you can plug your local Alpha into. Join us for a day of food, worship, and ministry, concluding with an invitation to encounter the Blessed Sacrament with optional prayer ministry and confession.

**LOCATIONS:**

**NORTH:** Our Lady's Catholic College, Lancaster

**MIDLANDS:** The Briars Catholic Youth Retreat Centre, Matlock

**LONDON:** Westminster Youth Ministry Retreat Centre, Pinner

**SOUTH EAST:** St Gregory's Catholic School, Tunbridge Wells

Note: This day is also open to 2026 Confirmation candidates and previous Alpha participants.

# ALPHA YOUTH SERIES

**THE ESSENTIALS:**

- Cost: Just £3 per young person (covers lunch, snacks, and materials).
- Safety: All events are fully risk-assessed and follow strict Diocesan Safeguarding Guidelines.

Next Steps: Following Alpha, we are developing a Student Leader Event for Autumn 2026 alongside our partner dioceses to help participants lead within their own school chaplaincies.

**READY TO STEP IN?!**



**SIGN UP HERE!**

(Deadline 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026)

**THE SUMMER TIMELINE:**

w/c 1<sup>st</sup> June - Alpha 1: Welcome to the Conversation

w/c 8<sup>th</sup> June - Alpha 2: Jesus is...?

w/c 15<sup>th</sup> June - Alpha 3: What does real love look like?

w/c 22<sup>nd</sup> June - Alpha 4: Why would I want a relationship with God?

w/c 29<sup>th</sup> June - Alpha 5: What does a relationship with God look like?

w/c 6<sup>th</sup> July - Alpha 8: How does God overcome evil?

11<sup>TH</sup> JULY - REGIONAL HOLY SPIRIT DAY (Sessions 6, 7 & 9)

w/c 13<sup>th</sup> July - Alpha 10: What happens next?

# SAVE THE DATE

A Pilgrimage Experience to Celebrate the Year of St Francis

Secondary Schools:

- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September

Primary Schools:

- Wednesday 16th September

*A pilgrimage experience for young people at the Franciscan Centre, Ladywell.  
10 students per school for a £50 voluntary donation to Ladywell.  
More details to follow in due course.*

## POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN RE

**Following the successful implementation of the Postgraduate Certificate in RE course this year, A&B Diocese and St Mary's University are delighted to be offering the course again for 2026-27.**

The course is aimed at anyone who teaches RE in a secondary school, for whom RE is not the subject they trained in. It would also be useful for qualified teachers who are considering teaching RE in the future.

During the sessions, those enrolled study the nature and role of RE in schools, the content and pedagogy of the Religious Education Directory, and the challenges of teaching RE in the UK. It therefore builds subject knowledge, theoretical knowledge of the subject, and encourages reflection on the importance of RE in a Catholic school.

The course consists of one full day of training in September and six online twilight sessions in order to keep the impact on cover to a minimum. Two assignments are submitted during the course (in January and August) for which a post-graduate certificate is awarded (worth a third of an MA, with the option to complete the MA in RE later on). This is a portable qualification that can support with career progression.

This year the course was run for just £800 per student (which compares to the normal cost of a post-graduate certificate being over £3,000) and we are actively seeking ways to keep costs similar again for next year. As well as covering all the sessions, the cost covers workshops in MA writing from the university and access to all the resources of the St Mary's library.

For anyone interested, a short information event will be held on 15 June starting at 4.30pm and can be [booked here >>>](#)

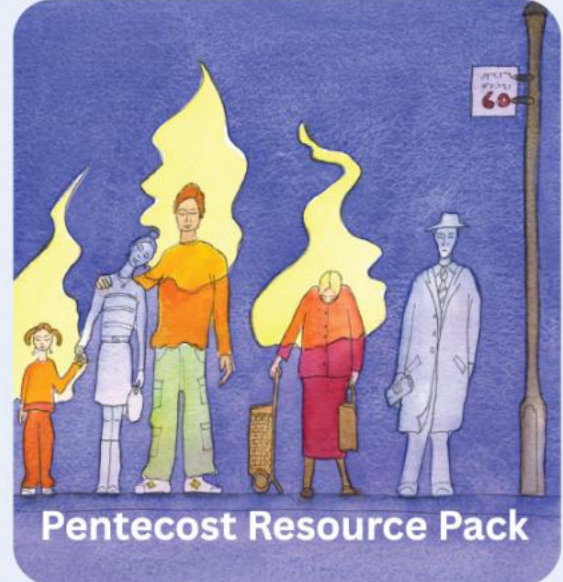
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# SUMMER NEWSLETTER



## NEW THIS TERM...

- A ready-to-use Pentecost resource rooted in a Visio Divina approach, combining Scripture, prayer and CST with inspiring artwork from diverse contemporary artists for EYFS–KS5.
- Audit forms for each level of the Award
- CST – Secondary school curriculum
- CST – Solidarity, Common Good and Subsidiarity



Pentecost Resource Pack



St Joseph  
Celebration of the  
Word

## SUMMER TERM RESOURCES FOR ALL

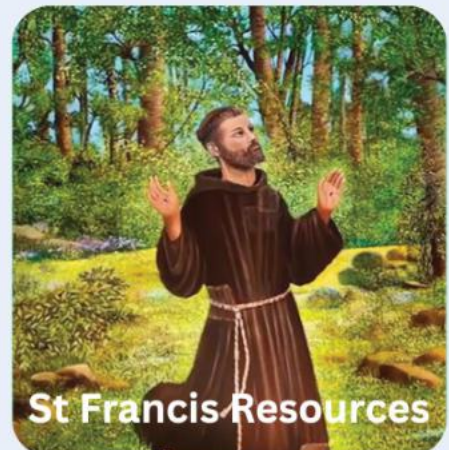
- FREE Year of St Francis Celebrations of the word, resource pack, posters and videos
- St Joseph the Worker resources (Feast 1 May)
- Oscar Romero Celebrations of the word (Feast day 24 March, but for anytime use)

**Ideal for prayer, RE and whole-school formation**

## DON'T FORGET...

- CST mapping to Primary RED (all year groups and terms)
- CST mapping to primary curriculum areas
- Celebrations of the word and resource packs for CST Principles: Option for the Poor, Dignity of Work, Rights & Responsibilities

**Strengthens CST across the curriculum**



St Francis Resources



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# VOICES FOR MISSION



## FROM THE TEAM

Welcome to the very first edition of the Oscar Romero Award Newsletter. Many schools around the country are taking part in this Award. We would like to use this newsletter as a platform for sharing the good news of the Award. This will be published each term and will have news about:

- what is happening in the Award
- the names of schools that have achieved the Award
- the resources available in that term
- a reminder of other resources available

The aim of the Award is to help schools find ways of embedding Catholic Social Teaching principles in their school fabric, so that they can become places where all experience life to the full. **(Mugeni Sumba- Coordinator)**

## FROM ST ROMERO



**"Everyone who struggles for justice, everyone who makes just claims in unjust surroundings, is working for God's reign."**

## FROM SCHOOLS

"St Mark's School chose to participate in the Oscar Romero Award as a means of further deepening and articulating the Catholic ethos that lies at the heart of our community. While faith itself cannot be measured or assessed, the award provides a clear and purposeful framework that guides reflection and action, enabling pupils and staff to embody the principles of justice, dignity, solidarity, and service within the life of the school and the wider world." **(Dr Michael Keller, headteacher of St Mark's Catholic Primary in Ipswich)**

## SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

**PARTICIPATOR LEVEL (20):** St Mary's Primary, Chorley; St Agnes' Primary, Cricklewood; St Mark's Primary, Ipswich; Our Lady of Hartley Primary, Hartley; St Anne's Primary, Chertsey; St Cecilia's Primary, North Cheam; St Cecelia's Primary, Billericay; St Anthony's Primary, Anerley; St Mary's Primary, Gillingham; Notre Dame Primary, Woolwich; St Thomas a Becket, Primary, Abbey Wood; St Joseph's Primary, Crayford; Coloma Convent Girls', Croydon; St Elizabeth's Primary, Richmond Upon Thames; St Joseph's Voluntary Academy, Leicester; St Thomas More Primary, Chatham; St Claire's Primary, Coalville; St David's College, Cardiff; St Paul's School, Milton Keynes; St Joseph's College, Beulah Hill.

**DEVELOPER LEVEL (4):** St Bartholomew's Primary, Swanley; St Benedict's Primary, Chatham; St Michael's College, Bermondsey; St Philomena's High School for Girls, Carshalton.



# JUDAISM

## 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...



**Mon 11th May 2026, 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](mailto:anna.silver@bod.org.uk))

For Zoom link see attached text

**Zoom link:**

[https://  
us02web.zoom.us/j/  
84379134655?pwd=Fu6Sl  
UPBx01tcNU7cDbYT4mqZ  
H2Xbg.1](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84379134655?pwd=Fu6SlUPBx01tcNU7cDbYT4mqZH2Xbg.1)

**Meeting ID:**

843 7913 4655

**Passcode:**

278417

## EDUCATION AGAINST HATE

We have been asked to share the following message on behalf of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, highlighting a range of educational resources for schools and colleges.

These materials are intended to support efforts to raise awareness of the recent rise in anti-Jewish hatred observed in parts of the UK.

There are resources to combat anti-Jewish hatred on the DfE Education Against Hate website [Educate Against Hate - Prevent Radicalisation & Extremism](#) and [Teaching Resources | Antisemitism | The Rabbi Sacks Legacy](#).





St Mary's  
University  
London

St Mary's University Summer 2026  
Series of Catholic Education Webinars

# State-sponsored Catholic Education in Mauritius: Balancing palatability and digestibility



**Seminar 1:  
Thursday 7 May  
2026 | 4pm  
(UK time)**

## Speaker: Dr Pascal Nadal

Pascal Nadal is the Deputy Director/Head of Training and Pastoral Animation at the Mauritius Diocesan Service of Catholic Education. Prior to this, he was a Senior Lecturer in English at the Mauritius Institute of Education and an English language teacher at Saint Joseph's College, a Catholic secondary school for boys. Over recent years, Pascal has – inter alia – been associated with the teaching of Religious Education and Intercultural Education in the Catholic schools of Mauritius. His research interests revolve around areas like Catholic education, curriculum development and educational policy.

To attend this online webinar please contact  
Mary Mihovilovic: [MAEducation@stmarys.ac.uk](mailto:MAEducation@stmarys.ac.uk)

## Future webinars:

**Seminar 2:** Thursday 4 June | 4pm UK time  
to be given by Dr Louise McGowan  
Headteacher, St Claudine's School, London

**Seminar 3:** Thursday 11 June | 4pm UK time  
to be given by Dr Mike Antram  
Executive Head St Boniface College  
and Notre Dame School, Plymouth

**Seminar 4:** Thursday 18 June | 4pm UK time  
to be given by Dr Margaret Carswell  
Australian Catholic University



# SUSSEX CATHOLIC EDUCATION TRUST

**The Sussex Catholic Education Trust is a registered charity (No. 1211602) formed to support the work and future of Catholic schools in Sussex.**

Its objectives are to maintain, support, sustain, and develop Catholic Education in Sussex, enabling students to thrive spiritually, academically, and personally. Its mission is to provide essential funding and resources to state Catholic schools across Sussex, empowering them to create opportunities that inspire young minds and build strong, compassionate communities rooted in Catholic values. 100% of all donations are applied directly to facilities, resources, and services for Catholic schools.

The Sussex Catholic Education Trust is delighted that it has been able to make three grants to schools in Sussex so far in 2026. The grants cover schools in all three areas of Sussex covered by the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton; East Sussex, West Sussex and Brighton and Hove.

In East Sussex a grant has been given to St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Crowborough to create a sensory prayer garden in the grounds which can be used both as a wonderful space for activities to support the spiritual and emotional development of

the pupils but also as a calm and inclusive space for pupils who need this at breaks and lunch times. The project is expected to be completed and to be in use from the start of the Autumn Term 2026.

In Brighton and Hove a grant has been given to St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School to enhance the outdoor space attached to the school's dedicated "Nest" classroom which serves pupils with special and additional needs. The project will provide opportunities for outdoor activities, therapeutic play and skill-building in a secure environment. The project is expected to be completed and to be in use by the start of the Autumn Term 2026.

In West Sussex a grant has been given to St Mary's Catholic Primary School in Bognor Regis to meet the transport costs to enable a group of performers and liturgy champions accompanied by staff to attend the Good Shepherd Mass at Worth Abbey this term.

These grants have been made possible by the generosity of both individual supporters of the charity and institutional and corporate backers. We are immensely grateful for this support and look forward to such support continuing and growing in the years to come.

**W:** [sussexcatholiceducationtrust.org.uk](https://sussexcatholiceducationtrust.org.uk)

## RECRUITMENT

**It is a busy time for school recruitment and a timely reminder that the Education Service must be advised of any reserved posts which schools are seeking to fill. All the information can be found on the [diocesan website](#). Equally, if you have any vacancies you would like us to advertise on the career page of the diocesan website and through parish newsletters, please do send these to:**

**E:** [claire.martin@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:claire.martin@abdiocese.org.uk)

## Supporting Schools Through Recruitment - Summer Term & September 2026

As a continued partner of the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton, Zen Educate is supporting Catholic schools across Surrey and Sussex during this key recruitment period ahead of September.

We know many schools are now planning for both immediate cover needs and longer-term staffing for the new academic year. Our focus remains on providing reliable, high-quality staff alongside a consistent and ethical service.

### How we can support your school

- Short-term and day-to-day cover for teachers and support staff
- Long-term placements to ensure continuity for pupils
- September recruitment support, including teachers, teaching assistants and SEN roles
- Targeted support for hard-to-fill vacancies, including SENCO and specialist provision roles

We recognise that vacancies are often advertised across diocesan, trust and school-level websites and are happy to work alongside your existing processes to help increase reach and secure the right candidates.

### A consistent and ethical approach

As a UK social enterprise, and a recently [Certified B Corporation](#), we are committed to high standards of social and environmental impact, meeting rigorous standards of accountability, transparency and fair treatment of staff. This includes:

- Transparent, fixed pricing
- Fair pay for staff, aligned with living wage principles
- Building long-term relationships with schools, not short-term placements

This reflects the values many Catholic schools are embedding, including dignity, fairness and community.

## Additional support for partner schools

Alongside recruitment, schools can access:

- Online CPD training for staff (12-months free available), including safeguarding, SEND, behaviour and wellbeing
- A digital Single Central Record (SCR) system (12-months free available), helping reduce administrative burden and support compliance

As a partner, we also look to support schools beyond recruitment, including sponsoring diocesan and school events, contributing to careers activities, and supporting wider community and attendance initiatives.

These services are designed to support not just staffing, but wider school improvement and staff development.

### Looking ahead to September

We are already working with schools to:

- Build talent pools for September starters
- Support early identification of vacancies
- Provide access to candidates from wider networks, including graduate and early career teachers

If you are beginning to plan for September, we would be very happy to have an informal conversation about how we can support you.

### Get in touch

If you would like support with current vacancies or September planning, please contact:

**Tom Solomon**

**E:** [tom.solomon@zeneducate.com](mailto:tom.solomon@zeneducate.com)

**T:** 01483 319669



# FORERUNNERS

A Mission Opportunity at Worth School

**Are you discerning what's next?**

**Do you have a desire to grow in faith, live in community, and serve others?**

Forerunners is a team of young adults living in Christian community at Worth School, serving in youth ministry while receiving formation rooted in the Benedictine tradition and inspired by St John the Baptist.



## The Opportunity

- Live in intentional Christian community
- Daily prayer, worship, and shared life
- Ongoing formation and support
- Serve in youth ministry within a Catholic school
- Time and space to discern your calling

## What's Offered

- Accommodation provided
- Meals included during term-time
- Modest salary
- 1-2 year placement (flexible)

**Get in touch to  
find out more:**



**[forerunners.worth.org.uk](http://forerunners.worth.org.uk)**

## Is This For You?

We're looking for young adults who are:

- Open to deepening their faith and being formed
- Willing to serve on our school mission
- Drawn to community life
- Curious about where God may be calling them





## RSE GUIDANCE

**We are asking Schools and Trusts to hold off making any decisions around policy or consultation until we have a greater clarity of what materials will be available for September.**

The Diocesan Education Service understands that schools will be considering what changes need to be made to adopt the updated DfE guidance for RSHE for September 2026 and we are looking closely at the recently produced CES documentation, and have ongoing dialogue with Ten Ten and other dioceses.

Once the new resources are available, the DES will look to provide a roadmap for implementation of all new content, support for schools around the development of a new policy and the process of engaging and consulting with parents and supporting teachers who will be delivering RSHE lessons.

We will also be aiming to provide ongoing support, guidance and additional training for schools across the 2026/27 academic year.

**Ten Ten** have issued a briefing, updating dioceses on their progress in updating “Life to the Full” resources for September and explaining their change of approach regarding placing all statutory content in Life to the Full.

Please read the update here:  
[Schools Briefing March 2026](#)

The logo for Ten:Ten Resources, featuring the text "Ten:Ten" in a bold, black, sans-serif font with a blue colon between the two "Tens", and the word "Resources" in a smaller, black, sans-serif font below it.

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## DIOCESAN DIRECTIVES

**As highlighted in the January 2026 Alpha Beta, all dioceses have now been instructed to promulgate their Diocesan Directives to be used from September 2026.**

Our directives will be finalised soon and align closely with the Diocesan Protocols previously published and distributed, therefore it is not envisioned that there will be a great deal that schools and trusts need to do to ensure agreement with the directives.

The directives will be the subject of compliance checks in any schools inspected under the CSI framework following their promulgation. Their publication will replace the Arundel and Brighton ‘Bishop’s Mandate and Expectations’ document which has been used up to this point.

Each school in the CSI window from September 2026 onwards will be asked to confirm compliance to the directives and this, along with a diocesan check will be provided to the lead inspector before the start of the inspection.

Any school that is not compliant with the directives of the diocesan bishop cannot be judged to be an outstanding Catholic school.

The Diocesan Education Service is committed to support and advise schools and trusts to ensure that all are in a positive position for September 2026. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with any questions.



# COMMUNICATION BETWEEN SCHOOLS AND CLERGY

**As churches are a link between home and school, clergy are often asked questions about what is happening in school communities.**

We are all aware that clergy time is much in demand, and so we are looking for the best ways to keep everyone updated about schools in the parish:

- Clerks are asked to send copies of all full GB/LGC agendas and minutes to the Parish Priest
- Chairs are asked to make members of the clergy welcome to attend any meeting, particularly if it includes agenda items relates to Catholic Life and Mission.
- It is also important to ensure that everyone is kept up to date about important school news for example staff resignations or leadership appointment processes.

CPD  
2026-2027

Dear Colleagues

CPD courses for 2026 to 2027 have now gone live on the website. Please click on the link below to view and book spaces:

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



## SAVE THE DATE

**The next School Leaders' Conference will be an overnight on 12-13 November 2026.**

**More details to follow, but please do save the date.**



# SCHOOLS SINGING PROGRAMME

## Surrey

This term has been a productive one for the [Schools Singing Programme \(SSP\)](#) in Surrey with pupils learning repertoire that reflects the journey of our faith we embark upon in this period of the year. Many schools have utilised the SSP in their whole school worship; St Dunstan's Y5 cohort led a beautiful Stations of the Cross service in church and ended the service with a piece titled "The Road Home" by Stephen Paulus, reflecting on the final journey towards Heaven.

St Hugh of Lincoln's SSP Choristers took part in the Surrey Primary Music Festival at G=Live in early March. They sang their hearts out alongside a multitude of other primary schools across Surrey and were entrusted with a solo song, singing "Kookaburra" by themselves, in two parts!

St Edmund's SSP Schola Cantorum were invited to St Hilary's Preparatory School, Godalming, for an afternoon's singing. They sang two songs together and then shared a number of other songs they had been working on. The choir did a fabulous job and returned to St Edmund's with a new favourite warm-up, "Spring Chicken!"

Alongside this, St Cuthbert's and St Cuthbert Mayne's have both utilised their SSP provision in school Masses and celebrations; St Cuthbert's had a wonderful Stations of the Cross service at the end of the term, with the Cuddy Duck Choristers leading an improvised sung response to each station.

Every school involved in the SSP in Surrey has been working tremendously hard towards the feted Choral Days which will take place in May this year. This offers a chance to gather schools together and join their voices in a cacophony of sound, praising God and involving some other pieces as well. This year's theme is "Exploration and Discovery" where we will be exploring the Sea, travelling along roads discovering new places and exploring our faith, all through the medium of song

## Sussex

The Spring term has been a lively and productive time for the SSP across Sussex. With a focus on repertoire that supports worship during Eastertide, many schools have explored and performed these pieces within their Easter liturgies. Pupils from St Richard's in Chichester had the pleasure of leading the music at a recent Sunday Mass, including the communion anthem Lead Me, Lord; a reflective piece centred on guidance, trust, and a desire to follow God's will. Children from St Mary's in Bognor Regis also took on a leading role, providing some of the music for a children's liturgy at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, filling the space with a strong sense of faith and joy.

In February we welcomed children from four Sussex Schools to Arundel Cathedral for their Spring Choral Day. The afternoon was a great success, with over 110 children coming together to sing with confidence and enthusiasm, filling the Cathedral with energy and sound. They particularly enjoyed singing Edelweiss together in two-part harmony and Ave Verum Corpus, which they performed in Latin from memory.

For many schools, the focus this term has been preparing for their Summer Showcases. These events offer a wonderful opportunity for schools to come together and share the music they have been learning with the wider community. It is always a special experience to hear young voices resonate within the church, and occasions like these allow children to recognise how their singing can enrich prayer and worship within parish life.

Looking forward to the Good Shepherd Celebration, many schools have been exploring The Heavens are Telling (The Canticle of the Sun), linking their singing to the image of Christ as the Good Shepherd. With words inspired by Saint Francis of Assisi's recognition of God's presence in all creation, children have been able to connect their singing to a wider understanding of faith, stewardship, and praise in this Jubilee year of St Francis.

## **Voluntary Aided Schools' Condition Allocation (VASCA)**

VA Schools now know whether their bid was successful for this year. We had hoped to be able to give the go-ahead to more projects, but we urgently need to address a failed roof at one of our larger schools and that has unfortunately committed the remaining funds for this year. That does mean that we have less flexibility than usual in dealing with tenders which come in above estimate. In the event that this happens, please talk to the Diocesan Education Service. Schools are reminded that they should **send tender returns to us for final approval before placing orders for work.**

## **CDM**

The Construction Design Management Regulations apply to almost all construction work, even such small projects as a toilet refurbishment. Whilst domestic clients have some protection under the regulations, schools are considered to be commercial clients and thus the full responsibility for compliance with the Regulations falls on the Governors. You must appoint a Principal Designer (and Principal Contractor) for almost all construction projects - if you are not appointing a consultant, you must ensure that the contractor also acts as PD. There is a useful summary here >>>- the HSE do not hesitate to launch a (criminal) prosecution against schools if things go wrong, please don't be one of them!

## **DfE Research Project Technology Usage**

The DfE are running user research sessions in May to better understand how schools use technology and what the critical domains are where support is needed, and would like to hear from teachers, teaching assistants and leaders who are interested in participating in this research.

There follows below the text of a communication from the DfE which gives details of the research and how to participate, including the link to the questionnaire:

*"Hello, we are a research team working with the Department for Education's Digital Strategy Division. We are speaking with teachers and teaching assistants across England as we are keen to understand how you use technology in your day-to-day practice to ensure that any future support the Department develops is informed by real classroom experience and reflects the needs and expectations on the ground.*

## **Are you who we're looking for?**

*We want to hear from teachers and teaching assistants about how they use technology (including digital, data and AI) to carry out tasks as part of their job and activities within the classroom and across the wider school, even if it's not part of your specific role. That might mean, for example:*

- 1. You use digital tools to support pupils with special educational needs;*
- 2. You use AI to help plan lessons;*
- 3. You manage use of particular tools across the school;*
- 4. You have views on what support would help you make more use of technology.*

## **What we'll talk about**

*We want to understand two things:*

- 1. Your role in practice:** *what tasks are on your plate right now and how do you use digital, data, technology and AI to achieve them.*
- 2. What support you need:** *how confident you feel in your skills, and what help would make a real difference*

## **Why it matters**

*The DfE wants to make sure its support for teachers keeps pace with how digital and AI responsibilities are evolving in schools. Your experience will directly inform what that support looks like going forward.*

## **How to take part**

*Sessions run between 11-15 May. We understand this may be a busy period and participation is of course optional. Sessions are 45-60 minutes online via Microsoft Teams at a time that suits you. If you are unavailable but still wish to participate in the research, additional sessions will run early the following week.*

*If you'd like to get involved, please complete this short screener [see link below], and we'll be in touch.*

<https://portal.participantkit.com/3c1fb0c2-16a3-4ada-8cc2-2bcb3e6f85a6>

*Your participation is entirely voluntary, and findings will remain confidential.*

*If you have any questions before signing up, please don't hesitate to get in touch.*

*Many thanks,  
DfE Digital Strategy research team"*

## School Business Managers (SBMs) Forum

At our last Forum we conducted a brief poll of our School Business Managers which unsurprisingly found that most schools are experiencing high levels of financial stress, and that many SBMs feel that stress personally. The Forum is an excellent way to build supportive relationships with your peers and to alleviate some of that pressure. The shared wisdom of the group can also be helpful in navigating difficult situations. We would be delighted to see greater attendance at the forum.

We welcome suggestions for topics to be addressed at the next Forum; this is the opportunity to explore the challenges of the role with your peers.

It has been suggested that the title is off-putting, and we would appreciate your thoughts on renaming this gathering to the "School Business Professionals Forum".

**Ray Williamson**

Estates Officer

*'Education for peace - lessons from our rich Catholic tradition'*

## Koinonia School Leaders' Summer Retreat

3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> July 2026

Cost: £420 including full board and travel\*



## Buckfast Abbey

Grange Road  
Buckfastleigh, Devon TQ11 0EE

Time to recharge, listen, pray and enjoy the company of fellow leaders

Book by Friday  
24<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
\*limited places on our  
school minibus

To book your place on a limited places basis,  
Email: Jackie Wiltshire - [j.wiltshire@hughfaringdon.org](mailto:j.wiltshire@hughfaringdon.org)

This fourth KoinEd school leaders' retreat will look at our role as educators for peace. Peace, in the Catholic tradition, is not merely the absence of war and conflict but the presence of justice. Whether in how we promote the ethos of our settings, how we instill character and values in young people or how, through our curriculum and teaching, we seek to offer them a distinctive view of the world, the role of Catholic educators, and particularly leaders, as peacemakers provides a rich source of reflection.

Buckfast Abbey in South Devon has been home to monastic life, on and off, for over 1000 years and is the home of the present community of Benedictine monks. Situated next to the river Dart and to Dartmoor itself, the Abbey attracts 300,000 visitors a year and is a stunning and fitting location for our retreat.



**Abbot David Charlesworth OSB** has been elected Abbot three times and has initiated significant restorations, educational expansions, liturgical renewals, and sustainability initiatives at the Abbey. Abbot David's tour of the monastery is always a highlight.

**Father Dominic Robinson SJ** is Parish Priest of Farm Street Church of the Immaculate Conception, London, and Chair of the Diocese of Westminster Justice and Peace Commission.



**Retreat Leader: Dr Simon Uttley, Headmaster,**  
Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School and Director,  
[www.koinonia-educational.com](http://www.koinonia-educational.com)

**Angie Carroll** is Lay Chaplain at Blessed Hugh Faringdon school in Reading. With over 20 years' experience supporting young people in school and parish ministry, Angie is passionate about pastoral care, social justice and evangelisation. A Theology graduate from St Mary's Twickenham, she has led retreats, conferences, and pilgrimages, sharing the Gospel with warmth and charisma.



The retreat will comprise travel, departing Blessed Hugh Faringdon school, 7am Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026 and return mid-afternoon, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July. Full board, including double rooms.



## ADMISSIONS & APPEALS

### Admissions

Please be reminded all schools should have updated their website to remove any reference to consultation and draft policies now they have been approved. There should also be no arrangements displayed for years prior to 2025/26 as these are no longer relevant.

For primary schools that require help after National Offer Day or any other assistance with place planning, admissions or queries please contact Tamsin Connick at the Diocese Education Service

**E:** [tamsin.connick@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:tamsin.connick@abdiocese.org.uk)

### Appeals

All appeals should follow the timetable set out by the school or appeal provider (if using an SLA)

#### **Admission authorities must set a timetable for organising and hearing appeals that:**

- a) includes a deadline for lodging appeals which allows appellants at least 20 school days from the date of notification that their application was unsuccessful to prepare and lodge their written appeal;
- b) ensures that appellants receive at least 10 school days' notice of their appeal hearing;
- c) includes reasonable deadlines for appellants to submit additional evidence, for admission authorities to submit their evidence, and for the clerk to send appeal papers to the panel and parties;
- d) ensures that decision letters are sent within five school days of the hearing wherever possible.

#### **Admission authorities must ensure that appeals lodged by the appropriate deadlines are heard within the following timescales:**

- a) for applications made in the normal admissions round, appeals must be heard within 40 school days of the deadline for lodging appeals;
- b) for late applications, appeals should be heard within 40 school days from the deadline for lodging appeals where possible, or within 30 school days of the appeal being lodged;
- c) for applications to sixth forms:
  - i) where the offer of a place would have been conditional upon exam results, appeals must be heard within 30 school days of confirmation of those results;
  - ii) where the offer of a place would not have been conditional upon exam results, appeals must be heard within 40 school days of the deadline for lodging appeals;
- d) for applications for in-year admissions appeals must be heard within 30 school days of the appeal being lodged.

Any appeals submitted after the appropriate deadline must still be heard, in accordance with whatever timescale is set out in the table published by the admission authority.

[School admission appeals code - GOV.UK](#)

# NOTE TO CLERKS

## Briefings

The online clerk's briefings remaining this year are listed below and sign up is open on the CPD area of our website. 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.

### Dates for the Academic year clerk's briefings:

Tuesday 19 May, 10am – 11am

### Please note the dates for the next academic year:

Monday 23 November, 10am – 11am

Wednesday 24 February (2027), 10am – 11am

Tuesday 18 May (2027), 10am – 11am

## Online Governor Application Form

Foundation Governor application forms have been online since September.

We will only accept the online version of the application form. Please make sure any potential new Foundation Governors or Foundation Governors wishing to serve a further term apply online: [www.abdiocese.org.uk/education/governance](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/education/governance)

## 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](mailto:gill.sajnog@abdiocese.org.uk) as soon as they are known. This includes all categories of governors, not just Foundation Governors.

### Minutes

Minutes of the Full Governor Board or Local Governing Committee meetings 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](mailto: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. Gill can send you a copy of your school code if required. The help desk number for Anspear is **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.





## UPCOMING COURSES AND EVENTS THIS ACADEMIC YEAR

All courses for this academic year are now available and must be booked online.

Courses are available at: [www.abdiocese.org.uk/education/catholic-leaders-cpd](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:schools@abdiocese.org.uk)  
We look forward to hearing from you.



[www.abdiocese.org.uk/education](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/education)

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## Summer 2026

Name	Date	Time	Location	Book now
<b>Year 4 RE Directory Resources (Session 6 of 6)</b>	29 Apr	9:30am - 3pm	Cottesmore Golf Club, Buchan Hill, Crawley RH11 9AT	<a href="#">Click here</a>
<b>Year 3 RE Directory Resources (Session 6 of 6)</b>	6 May	9:30am - 3pm	Cottesmore Golf Club, Buchan Hill, Crawley RH11 9AT	<a href="#">Click here</a>
<b>Chaplains / Prayer &amp; Liturgy Coordinators Retreat</b>	18 - 19 May	12pm - 12pm	Columba's House, Maybury Hill, Woking, GU22 8AB	<a href="#">Click here</a>
<b>Prayer and Liturgy Coordinators (Day 2 of 2)</b>	10 Jun	9:30am - 3pm	Cottesmore Golf Club, Buchan Hill, Crawley RH11 9AT	<a href="#">Click here</a>
<b>Good Shepherd Celebration</b>	18 Jun	11:30am - 2pm	Worth Abbey, Paddockhurst Road, Crawley, RH10 4SB	<a href="#">Click here</a>
<b>Masters in Catholic Leadership, St Mary's University (3 of 3)</b>	6 Jul	4:30pm - 6:30pm	The St Philip Howard Centre, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 6RP	<a href="#">Click here</a>

# SECONDARY EDUCATION

[www.abdiocese.org.uk](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk)

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## Summer 2026

Name	Date	Time	Location	Book now
<b>Chaplains / Prayer &amp; Liturgy Coordinators Retreat</b>	18 - 19 May	12pm - 12pm	Columba's House, Maybury Hill, Woking, GU22 8AB	<a href="#">Click here</a>
<b>Post Graduate Certificate in RE (Session 6 of 7)</b>	20 May	3:30pm - 5:30pm	Online	<a href="#">Click here</a>
<b>Prayer and Liturgy Coordinators (Day 2 of 2)</b>	10 Jun	9:30am - 3pm	Cottesmore Golf Club, Buchan Hill, Crawley RH11 9AT	<a href="#">Click here</a>
<b>Information event for the Post Graduate Certificate in RE</b>	15 Jun	4:30pm - 5pm	Online	<a href="#">Click here</a>
<b>Secondary RSE (Day 2 of 2)</b>	17 Jun	9:30am - 3pm	The St Philip Howard Centre, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 6RP	<a href="#">Click here</a>
<b>Good Shepherd Celebration</b>	18 Jun	11:30am - 2pm	Worth Abbey, Paddockhurst Road, Crawley, RH10 4SB	<a href="#">Click here</a>
<b>Secondary Heads of RE (Day 3 of 3)</b>	30 Jun	9:30am - 3pm	The St Philip Howard Centre, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, West Sussex,	<a href="#">Click here</a>
<b>Post Graduate Certificate in RE (Session 6 of 7)</b>	1 Jul	3:30pm - 5:30pm	Online	<a href="#">Click here</a>
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# LEADERSHIP

Name	Date	Time	Location	Book now
<b>Secondary Heads of RE (Day 3 of 3)</b>	30 Jun	9:30am - 3pm	The St Philip Howard Centre, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, West Sussex,	<a href="#">Click here</a>
<b>School Leaders' Mass of Thanksgiving</b>	2 Jul	3:30pm - 6:30pm	Arundel Cathedral, London Road, Arundel, BN18 9AY	<a href="#">Click here</a>

# CATHOLIC SCHOOL INSPECTIONS (CSI)

<b>Preparing for CSI</b>	2 Jun	9:30am - 3pm	Cottesmore Golf Club, Buchan Hill, Crawley RH11 9AT	<a href="#">Click here</a>
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# GOVERNORS

<b>Governance: Induction (Module 3 of 3)</b>	13 May	6:30pm - 8pm	Online	<a href="#">Click here</a>
<b>Clerks' Forum (3 of 3)</b>	19 May	10am - 11am	Online	<a href="#">Click here</a>

# CHAPLAINS

<b>Chaplains / Prayer &amp; Liturgy Coordinators Retreat</b>	18 - 19 May	12pm - 12pm	Columba's House, Maybury Hill, Woking, GU22 8AB	<a href="#">Click here</a>
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# SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGERS

<b>School Business Managers' Forum</b>	10 Jun	10am - 12pm	Online	<a href="#">Click here</a>
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