

INFORMATION FLYER

February 2021

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the February 2021 Information Flyer. We hope you'll find the following items of interest to you and your school. Please circulate to all staff and particularly subject leaders.



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1. Wellbeing – offers of support



- a) Norfolk County Council have a fully funded programme of support available to help schools at this challenging time: All schools can now access a **Wellbeing Toolkit** developed by local experts. Fully funded by the DfE, the toolkit is designed to support a whole school approach to promoting emotional health and wellbeing. The toolkit contains resources including staff CPD materials, pupil voice activities, a whole school action plan tool as well as signposting and guidance. Schools will be able to access further support in a programme of themed webinars after half term.

www.schools.norfolk.gov.uk/teaching-and-learning/wellbeing-in-education/wellbeing-introduction. If you have any queries email: josie.rayner-wells@norfolk.gov.uk

- b) We would like to remind you of the offer of wellbeing support communicated back in May 2020 covering all staff (attached).

Additionally, we would like to remind Headteachers about the supervision / professional coaching offer through Mary-Jo Hill (trading as Coach for School Improvement). There is £300 per person funding offered by the Diocese and we still have some budget left for this. Please contact holly.davy@dioceseofnorwich.org if you would like to explore this offer. The budget will be used on a first come, first served basis.

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2. Archbishop of York Youth Trust resources and pupil opportunities



Free Twilight Webinars this March

The ABYTT produce some excellent resources which are worth exploring. For information about the **Young Leaders Award** or the **Introduction to Character Education** sessions, please see the attached flyer or visit: www.abyyt.com/conferences.



Archbishop of York's Young Leader Award www.abyyt.com

In 2020, the DBE set aside funding for our schools to access the Archbishop of York Young Leader's Award and we wanted to inform you that some funding is still remaining for this academic year.

Funding available

The Diocese will fund 50% of the £10 cost per pupil (i.e. £5 per pupil) for Key Stages 1-3.

Advice from the YLA team is that a class-based approach (rather than a whole school approach) works best. The programme can then take place each year and new pupils can be mentored by those who've already completed the award. Coupled to this we want to ensure the funding is spread out across the Diocese so we will usually look to fund up to a maximum of 50 pupils per primary school.

How to apply

Please email Jon Moule (jon.moule@dioceseofnorwich.org) setting out the year group and number of pupils you are applying for.

Payment

Schools will pay in full when applying on website. They can then invoice the Diocese at £5 per pupil for the approved number of pupils.

Feedback

Any school receiving this funding must guarantee they will share their experiences with at least one more school and the diocese thereby spreading the benefits of the scheme and increasing its take-up.

Please can we ask schools who have already engaged with the scheme to communicate their experience to jon.moule@dioceseofnorwich.org asap.

3. Lent and Easter resources

We have collated a number of excellent resources for Lent and Easter. To access the resources please visit: <https://www.dioceseofnorwich.org/school-resources-seasonal/>

4. Rural Teaching Partnership - Update re. Early Years teacher recruitment



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It has been confirmed by Teach First that we can include EYFS teachers in the scheme. That means any teaching vacancy you have in one of our rural / market town schools is now eligible for this route. Places can be explored right through until the resignation deadline but the earlier a vacancy is flagged up the better.

By way of reminder the RTP is a pilot scheme focused on supporting trainee teachers to work in rural settings with specific training around aspects that are different to larger urban schools. I will not repeat all the information previously circulated but suggest you contact us via Holly, and we can pick up any specific questions you have (holly.davy@dioceseofnorwich.org).

5. RHSE surgeries (Educator Solutions)



All schools can attend the RSHE surgeries as a developmental series, or one-off sessions. They are designed to support schools in their final preparations, ensuring full compliance with the new RSHE guidance. The next surgery will focus on how to promote effective pupil voice and secure positive parental engagement. This is a key requirement of the new guidance and must be completed prior to delivery of your new curriculum. The surgery will explore creative approaches to meet this requirement during the current context. [RSHE Surgery | Educator Solutions \(norfolk.gov.uk\)](https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/RSHE-Surgery-Educator-Solutions).

You can listen to the NCC Adviser for RSHE share lots of practical advice for meeting the new requirements on her recent podcast recording for Key Voices: [Key Voices #95 - Practical advice for meeting the new RSE requirements with Josie Rayner-Wells | The Key \(thekeysupport.com\)](https://www.thekeysupport.com/podcast/key-voices-95-practical-advice-for-meeting-the-new-rse-requirements-with-josie-rayner-wells).

If you have any queries email: josie.rayner-wells@norfolk.gov.uk

Diocesan RHSE Training

*Also note the next training opportunity provided by the Diocese specifically for church schools:
Thursday 24 June 2021, 10.00 – 12.30, TO BOOK: [Teaching statutory relationships & RSHE](#)*

6. Curate School Placement Scheme

Thank you for all who responded to the Curate School Placement Scheme. Unfortunately, COVID restrictions meant that it was not possible to run this in the 2020/21 academic year.

However, we would like to introduce this for 2021/22, for the current cohort of curates and those starting training in September. Therefore, we are looking for 6 schools in the Autumn term 2021 and additional schools for Spring 2022.

The placement is to give our first-year curates dedicated experience of working in a church school. The placement will last for 4 consecutive days and will involve reflective observations and participation.

The aim will be for curates to:

- Gain an understanding of the full range of school life
- Understand the distinctive role of an ordained person in contributing to a school
- Identify their own strengths and weaknesses in respect of this area of their work
- Improve their confidence and competency (again in this specific area)

There is a briefing meeting prior to the Autumn placement planned for May 25th at 1pm which is likely to be virtual.

For the Spring 2022 placement there will be a briefing meeting in the Autumn term and this date is still to be decided.

Please email jon.moule@dioceseofnorwich.org by beginning of May to express your interest in the placements, specifying which placement you would be interested in, even if you previously offered your school as circumstances may have changed.