

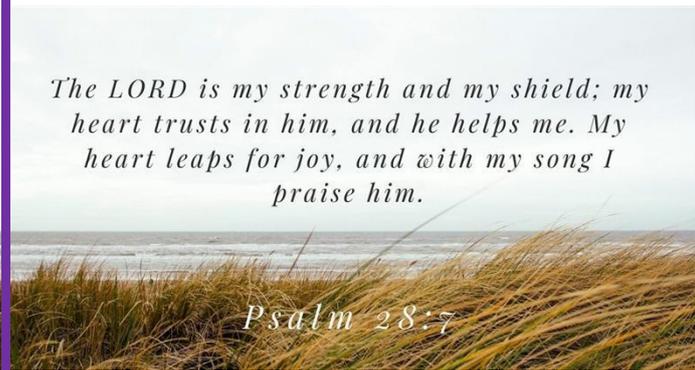
INFORMATION FLYER

April 2021

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the April 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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The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.

Psalm 28:7

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1. SIAMS update

SIAMS inspections – national update

Following the announcement by the government on 29th March that routine Ofsted graded inspections will remain suspended until the Autumn term we can confirm that SIAMS Inspections will not resume until the Autumn term of 2021. We will be working with the Department for Education and the other section 48 providers to consider the most effective way of resuming SIAMS inspection and will be in touch with more details about this as we also introduce our new nationally integrated system for SIAMS. [SIAMS School Inspections | The Church of England](#)

As many of you may also have read, SIAMS is moving towards a national integrated inspection approach from the Autumn term which in essence means that each Diocese will be responsible for School SIAMS training and support instead of triggering and administering inspections. Margaret James and David Tait have been appointed to lead the new national system [Church of England appoints leaders for updated SIAMS schools inspection model | The Church of England](#).

2. Book your school visit to Gaia - 1st to 31st October 2021

Being Stewards of God's World

Our diocese is currently developing further its response to environmental concerns which includes refreshing the 'Our School: Our World' booklet. Thank you for all the prayers and artwork which has been sent in over the past few months. This resource should be published ready for launch and distribution later in the Summer Term. As part of the launch, we are going to be promoting a series of initiatives and one of these is in partnership with St Peter Mancroft Church, Norwich who have the world travelled [Gaia exhibition](#) in October

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Come and explore *Gaia* with your school - a fantastic **free** learning experience, for pupils from Foundation stage right up to A level.

Gaia is a touring artwork by UK artist Luke Jerram. Measuring six metres in diameter and created from 120dpi detailed NASA imagery of the Earth's surface the artwork provides the opportunity to see our planet, floating in three dimensions.

Gaia comes to Mancroft in the run up to the COP 26 conference in Glasgow and will help to focus our minds on the fragility of our planet home.

To arrange your school visit: please contact Chris Sanham, Head Verger
headverger@stpetermancroft.org.uk

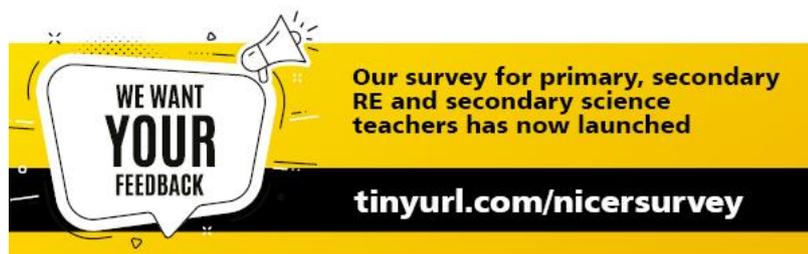
3. ABYTT Free twilight webinars



Please see the attached flyer for more information and how to book the following:

- Introduction to Character Education
- Introduction to the Young Leaders Award, YLA

4. The NICER survey team – Need your help



NICER is running a Templeton funded large scale survey for teachers and we would really like you to encourage teachers in your schools to participate. The survey is about science education and religious education. The survey is for secondary RE and science teachers, as well as all primary teachers. NICER are especially interested in people in their early career phase (including student teachers) but anyone can do it. If there is a sufficiently strong response from the Church school sector, then sector specific data can be drawn out and used to develop resources to help student teachers and early career teachers.

It takes 15-20 minutes and is at this link.

<http://tinyurl.com/nicersurvey>

5. Norwich Cathedral

Please see the attached flyer to find out what's new from Schools and Learning at the Norwich Cathedral.

6. VNET offer



We continue to work closely with VNET, one of our 'Providers of Choice' as they seek to serve the education system across the Diocese. The full details of their offer, as well as how to sign up, can be found on their [membership page](#). Highlights / new approaches include:

- The same simple pricing structure and no increase in membership fees.
- Continuation of the popular credit system enabling better value for money from membership by creating tailored programmes that met specific CPD needs
- New! Five longitudinal projects throughout the academic year, focused on critical improvement themes (Assessment, Curriculum, Disadvantage, Fluency, Leadership). Support from - Dylan Wiliam, Claire Gadsby, Christine Counsell, John Tomsett, Roy Blatchford and more high quality professionals. Details on VNET's website [projects page](#)

If you have any questions, or would like to start planning your support for next year, please contact your link VNET person directly or email membership@viscountnelson.net to book a time for a chat.

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7. What'SUP in Schools?



What'SUP in Schools? is a Paddle Board support group based in Norwich led by local school leaders and educators who are skilled in listening to, supporting and advising others in education whilst doing something fun, new and active.

You do not need to have any of your own equipment or Paddle Board experience to join What'SUP x Well-Ed Norfolk. You do not need to be struggling with wellbeing. You just need to work in a school!

[Click here to join our mailing list](#)

8. Norfolk School of Sanctuary's annual day of learning and solidarity



This year 'A Day of Welcome' will be held on Friday 11th June, the Friday before Refugee Week. If you would like to participate, register your school by [completing this form](#) (it takes 3 minutes) and we will then share with you the teaching resources and supporting materials.

Our aims

- To build understanding of the experiences and contributions of refugees and asylum seekers
- To uncover and celebrate little-known stories of refugee migration.
- To signpost Refugee Week events which pupils, families and staff may wish to participate in.

Although 'A Day of Welcome' is open to schools all over the country we still very much have a focus on the local. We have a back catalogue of lessons and resources designed to explore Norfolk and its rich history as a place of sanctuary.

Thanks to our friends at Norfolk NEU we are also able to provide your school with 'Norfolk Welcomes Refugees' stickers and posters. [Fill in this form](#) and we will get them to you in time for the day.

Since 2018 we have had 103 Norfolk schools representing more than 60,000 children participate and have raised thousands of pounds for organisations such as New Routes that support displaced people locally. We hope that you will join us again this year. <https://youtu.be/xmpwyel8heE>

9. The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion



**Faraday
Kids**
Science and Religion

www.faradaykids.com

"Could a black hole crush Jesus?" Opportunities for Exploring the Interactions of Science and Faith

"Can science prove God's existence?", "What's beyond the universe?", "Does evolution mean the Bible is wrong?"

Since 2013, the Youth and Schools Programme at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion have been providing opportunities for thousands of young people and their educators to confidently explore positive science-faith interactions. If you're looking for support and inspiration in this area we have a variety of options for you!

Book and web resources - Check out our website www.faradaykids.com to explore some of the frequently asked questions young people have about science and faith.

Or take a look at our book store <https://www.faraday.cam.ac.uk/shop/> for a range of books for children of different ages, as well as a great science-faith lesson plan resource for primary teachers, 'Big World, Big Ideas'.

Live events for children and young people - We offer hands-on, interactive and engaging events (in-person or online) for young people on an extensive range of curriculum-relevant science-faith topics, including 'fossils and faith', 'creation care', 'what makes me, me?' and 'the Big Bang and belief'.

Training Opportunities for teachers - We also offer CPD sessions for teachers, packed full of practical ideas and training to enable all teachers to confidently explore science-faith topics with their students.

To register interest in these opportunities, or for more information, please contact schools@faraday.cam.ac.uk

10. Horstead Centre



The Horstead centre is open again! The team wish to extend an invitation to all Diocesan schools to join them this year. New Centre Manager Will Mills has written a letter introducing himself and extending a series of offers and discounts to all schools in the Norwich Diocese, *and* for their staff and families. The Team at Horstead feel that they have at least part of the antidote to the very real challenges that young people have experienced in the last 12 months. They hope that you will consider providing your pupils with a chance to relax, repair, reflect and restore at the Horstead Centre.

Please read the attached letter to see the offers available to you and your school this year.

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11. Primary Futures – Education and employers



Motivating and inspiring children

This free service has been designed by primary school teachers to help in motivating and inspiring children and bringing learning to life. It gives access to tens of thousands of people who are willing to chat virtually with children about their job and help show how the subjects they are doing at school are relevant and the job opportunities they open up.

To find out more visit: <https://primaryfutures.org>

Call: 0207 566 4880

E-mail: holly.critchley@educationandemployers.org

You can also find out more and speak directly to Primary Futures staff at our next Headteacher Forum on 17 June (via Zoom).

12. Final training sessions this academic year!!

The use of Art and Images in RE	28/04/2021	The use of Art and Images in RE
SIAMS Schedule for School Leaders	05/05/2021	SIAMS Schedule for School Leaders
Collective Worship Best Practice Group	07/06/2021	Collective Worship
Headteachers' Forum	17/06/2021	Headteachers' Forum
Teaching statutory Relationships, Relationships and Sex (RSE) and Health Education in Church Schools and Academies	24/06/2021	Teaching statutory relationships & RSHE
Developing LGBT+ Inclusion in Church Schools and Academies	29/06/2021	Developing LGBT
RE Moderation and Sharing of Good Practise	08-Jun-21	RE Moderation
Understanding Christianity	7/14/21/28 June 2021	Understanding Christianity