

INFORMATION FLYER

September 2021

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the September 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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In repentance and rest is your salvation, in
quietness and trust is your strength.

Isaiah 30:15

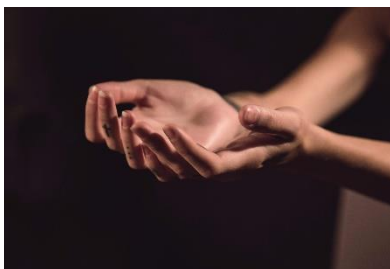


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1. SIAMS update

Please ensure your SIAMS leads reads the attached information on the resumption of inspections.

2. Prayer



a) National Day of Prayer

This year's National Day of Prayer for Schools, which will be on Tuesday 28th September! This email includes the link for the graphics you can download and use on social media, a promotional video to share anywhere and the link to the webpage where people can find out more about the day.

Webpage: <https://paimovement.com/event/prayforschools/>

Video: <https://youtu.be/6pQdKY-ApYs>

b) Diocesan Prayer diary

As part of the response to the new Diocesan vision 'Transformed by Christ; prayerful, pastoral, prophetic' the Diocesan prayer diary format has been refreshed. The current edition can be found here: [Diocese of Norwich - Prayer Diary](#) . Hard copies can be made available.

3. Religious Education

RE knowledge organisers and exemplar units to support the Norfolk Agreed Syllabus

Over the last 18 months RE leads from across Norfolk have worked with Chris Allen (RE Adviser) to produce tried and tested knowledge organiser planning for every RE enquiry linked to the Norfolk Agreed Syllabus. In addition, three NEW knowledge organisers have been created for **Early Years**, these match the Understanding Christianity resources.

Each knowledge organiser is based on resources used by teachers and follows the same format:

- Big Question – colour coded to the three lenses Theology (orange), Philosophy (blue) and Social Human Sciences (green).
- A series of lesson overviews following the five-point enquiry process. These range from 6-8 weeks of work.
- Core vocabulary you will need to use to teach the enquiry.
- Core knowledge you will need to teach to be able to assess the children level of understanding of the concepts of the enquiry.
- Hyper linked home learning activities.
- Hyper linked resources for the core knowledge e.g. videos, stories, websites etc.
- End of unit outcomes.
- Assessment strands linked to current RE Age Related Expectations.

Each enquiry can be downloaded as a Word document so you can manipulate and change it to meet your school's needs.

We are grateful to be able to share this wonderful new resource due to the generous grant provided by Culham St Gabriel's Trust, to fund this work.

You can access the knowledge organisers on the Supporting Schools section of the Diocese website (navigate to SIAMS, RE and Collective Worship and then Religious Education and finally curriculum planning), or by using the link below: www.dioceseofnorwich.org/schools/siams-re-collective-worship/religious-education/curriculum-planning/

4. NPQs

NPQs: The application window for the *NEW* National Professional Qualifications is OPEN

The Church of England Foundation for Educational Leadership (CEFEL) have been designated as a national NPQ provider by the DfE. With CEFEL as a provider the programmes will be grounded in the Church of England's Vision for Education which underpins all our church schools do. Working in partnership they are offering locally delivered, high quality training and we encourage you to identify who is able and ready to sign up. Andy Wolfe, Deputy Chief Education Officer says 'Every course is built on our key principles of developing Called, Connected and Committed leaders:

- 'Called' – reminding leaders of their core purpose in education, putting teaching back at the heart of our schools
- 'Connected' – creating communities of practice in which leaders can build relationships, especially through small group coaching (integral to every course)
- 'Committed' – sustaining leadership long term, and ensuring social justice for every single student

The Julian Teaching School Hub, Unity Teaching School Hub and the St Edmundsbury & Ipswich Diocesan MAT are the delivery partners for these brand new Church of England NPQs. Working collaboratively, they provide access to the full suite of NPQs for schools across Norfolk and Suffolk. All NPQs are being facilitated by leaders from faith schools, including colleagues from DNEAT, St Benet's MAT and the St John the Baptist Catholic MAT.

These reformed specialist and leadership NPQs provide exciting opportunities for professional learning and are outlined [HERE](#).

- [NPQ Leading Teacher Development \(NPQLTD\)](#): facilitated by Unity Teaching School Hub
- [NPQ Leading Behaviour and Culture \(NPQLBC\)](#): facilitated by Unity Teaching School Hub
- [NPQ Leading Teaching \(NPQLT\)](#): facilitated by St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan MAT
- [NPQ Senior Leadership \(NPQSL\)](#): facilitated by The Julian Teaching School Hub
- [NPQ Headship \(NPQH\)](#): facilitated by The Julian Teaching School Hub
- [Additional Support Offer for New Headteachers \(ASO\)](#): facilitated by The Julian Teaching School Hub

The following Diocese of Norwich schools and academies qualify as a result of being in the 30th percentile for Pupil Premium (DfE spreadsheet accessed end August 2021):

Acle, Cloverhill infant and St Michael's junior (All Angel's Federation), Hapton, St Nicholas Priory, Open Academy, Kessingland, St. Michaels (King's Lynn), Swaffham primary, Peterhouse, West Raynham, Dereham Junior, The Bishop's and Caston.

Applications for programmes starting in November need to be completed by 25th September. Guidance and next steps [HERE](#).

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Sign up now! This is a quick three-step process to making an application. You will need your Teacher Reference Number (TRN). The final step is for the sponsor (a senior person within your organisation) to endorse your application, so leave time for them to complete this.

There are 'Autumn' and 'Spring' cohorts available, and all three of the above steps must be completed by the following deadlines:

Cohort 1, Nov 2021 Start: Application Deadline 25th September 2021

Offers made *by 15th October*

Cohort 2, Feb 2022 Start: Application Deadline 14th January 2022

Offers made *by 4th February*

Should you require any further general information please contact Roger Higgins julian-tsh@ndhs.org.uk, or these programme-specific contacts:

- Helen Main (hmain@unitysp.co.uk) for NPQLTD and NPQLBC
- Susi Waters (julian-tsh@ndhs.org.uk) for NPQSL, NPQH and ASO
- Heather Hann (heather.hann@cofesuffolk.org) for NPQLT

5. Curate's placement for the 2021/22 cohort

Your help is needed.....

Thank you to the six schools signed up for the current rearranged placements in the Autumn Term of 2021. We are excited to be continuing with the curate school placement in the Spring term of 2022 (wb 24th or 31st January) for our next cohort of first-year curates. The overall aim of 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. We have 12 curates starting their training in September and therefore looking for 12 schools who would be willing to support this exciting venture in the Diocese of Norwich.

The geographical areas needed for this cohort are:

- Pakefield
- Norwich
- Watton
- Cromer
- Kings Lynn
- Reepham/ Wensum Valley
- Attleborough
- Swaffham

The aims of the placement 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)

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With regards to the time commitment there would be a Zoom meeting prior to the placement (November 24th) to decide on the format and a meeting at the end (February 23rd) to enable the curate to reflect on his/her experience. Other than that, it will be a case of timetabling who the curate would 'shadow', meet with etc.

Please email holly.davy@dioceseofnorwich.org by October half term to express your interest and for further information. The Education team will match curates to schools that are relatively close to the curate, therefore, it may well be that even if you have kindly offered to help there may not be a curate nearby.

5. Curriculum – Invitation to the East of England curriculum roadshow

You are invited by Ofsted to attend one of the curriculum roadshows below:

East of England curriculum roadshow (Tuesday 28 September) → [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://gotowebinar.com)

East of England curriculum roadshow (Thursday 30 September) → [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://gotowebinar.com)



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6. Helpful online courses for parents – The AIM Group



The AIM Group have been supporting parents and staff of Schools in England with understanding some key topics around Young People's Mental Health and Wellbeing.

They help to provide over 30 Free Government Funded Accredited Online Level 2 Short Courses around these subjects. All are funded through the Adult Education Budget and are therefore of no cost to the School or the Learner.

Schools in England have been asked to share a communication with parents that signposts this information. A link for them to register their interest is also included. So far it has proven to be extremely popular with anywhere from 10 – 80 parents per school registering to access a course.

Although there are over 30 courses available, the four most popular courses with parents and staff are **Understanding Autism, Specific Learning Difficulties, Understand Children and Young Peoples Mental Health and Understand Challenging Behaviour**. A learner can do as many as they wish, just one at a time.

Through many conversations with learners, it has been highlighted just how important this resource is to parents and the Aim Group are keen to ensure that all parents and staff of the Diocese are made aware of these in September.

Please contact **Joe Rigg** on 0203 900 3091 extension 225 or email at joe.rigg@theaimgroup.co.uk by the 9th **October** to register your school where Joe will create an account and walk you through how to branch this out to all staff and parents effectively.

7. Resources - Archbishop of York Youth Trust

Community Matters is an exciting new **free** resource from the **Archbishop of York Youth Trust** providing activities and ideas to help pupils explore why community matters and how children and young people can play their part in creating positive change, particularly as we rebuild our communities post-Covid restrictions.

Available for KS1, KS2 and KS3 there are two packs focusing on **Social Issues** and **Environmental Issues** with a range of activities designed to ignite, inspire and empower young people to make community matter and explore what it means to live in the wider world, as active citizens. Each pack also contains ideas for collective worship.

Whether you are already running the **Young Leaders Award** or not, the resources provide great supporting ideas for helping pupils develop their leadership skills and character. Find out more here: www.abyyt.com/communitymatters

Free Webinars

Looking for a programme that supports pupils develop leadership and character through social action? Come and find out more about the **Young Leaders Award Programme** through our free online sessions this term for both Primary and Secondary schools. We are also running our **Introduction to Character Education** sessions again with input from Dr Tom Harrison at the Jubilee Centre for Character and Virtues. Find out more www.abyyt.com/events.



8. Our Planet

a) COP 26 Call to prayer/reflection

Our summer has been consumed with extreme weather conditions – Alaskan heatwaves, forest fires in Greece, hurricanes in the US, earthquakes in Haiti and more locally flooding and cliff falls in Norfolk.

November 2021 brings together heads of state, climate experts and campaigners to the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP) and the Church of England is encouraging Christians to reflect and pray in advance of this.

We specifically draw your attention to the call from our own Bishop Graham to pray and reflect. One suggestion is to encourage students to create a prayer wall or mural about climate change and the planet (details are in the attached letter which was also circulated by email with Footprints on 7 September). It

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would be wonderful if our schools got involved. If you can engage with this idea ahead of the COP26 meeting in November, and if any prayers and poems and reflections are written that you think are appropriate, please do send them to Revd Lydia Avery at vicar.utvb@gmail.com.

b) Our School: Our World video competition

During the Summer Term, The Diocese of Norwich Education Team were delighted to launch an updated publication of [Our School: Our World](#) which aims to support school staff with developing pupils' ecological awareness and stewardship. The publication is grounded in Christian teachings, a foreword from Bishop Graham, RE units of work linked to ecological concerns, teaching ideas and appendices linked to the wider Diocese of Norwich Environmental Group. We hope that you are enjoying using it!

Our Head Teacher Forum in June saw the launch of the publication with details about a video competition which we hope will see many of our schools participating in. We thought it would be useful to share the aims of the competition with this edition of Footprints.

The aims of the competition are:

- For School Councils/Eco Councils/Courageous Advocacy Leadership Teams to produce a video explaining why it is important to be good stewards of God's creation. Secondly, for pupils to suggest ways that they have/aim to be good stewards of God's creation.
- The video should be between 3 and 5 minutes in length and emailed via WeTransfer to holly.davy@dioceseofnorwich.org by October half term
- Each entry will receive a £10 gardening gift voucher to use in an eco-project.
- The winning entry will receive £50 in vouchers with £35 for the runner up.
- A celebration event will be planned for the 2021/22 academic year

c) Norwich Science Festival Events with Gaia (over October half term)

We have previously circulated information about the [Gaia exhibition](#) at St Peter Mancroft church in Norwich (near the Forum). Over October half term the Faraday Institute are running various workshops about Science and Faith. *The workshops are primarily for KS2.*

DROP-IN SESSION: Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th October, 10:30am-4pm: Hands-on-Science with *The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion*

From fossils, DNA and identity to the wonder of our own back gardens, join the Faraday Youth and Schools team as we get hands-on, exploring and celebrating the natural world. And chat with us about science, faith and why we think they are both such exciting and important subjects for us to explore!

Workshop Session 1: Tuesday 26th at 1:30pm & Wednesday 27th at 3pm: Turtles and God, *with Cara Parrett*

Growing up in South Africa, Cara fell in love with the ocean and all of the world's wild places and animals. As a Christian, she loves exploring the world she believes God made, and sharing her experiences with others to help start conversations about God, science and their interactions.

Join her for this workshop, to spend some time thinking about how we can use science to learn more about taking good care of our planet, and how she believes that is what God wants us to do.

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[Workshop Session 2](#): Tuesday 26th at 3pm & Wednesday 27th at 1:30pm: But What Can We Actually Do? with Steph Bryant

Steph is a Christian and loves traveling the UK to explore exciting science and faith questions with curious young people - preferably with some fossils, mysteries, and chocolate 'wolf poo' in her bag!

We might be worried about climate change and environmental problems, but we might not always know what we can actually do to help make a difference for the world. Join Steph as she unpacks some great ways to love the planet really well and have fun at the same time!

For further information visit here: <https://www.stpetermancroft.org.uk/Gaia>



d) Dear World Leader

The Global Sustainability Institute (GSI) at Anglia Ruskin University is celebrating its 10th anniversary. For this anniversary almost a hundred children, each about the same age as the institute, wrote letters to World Leaders, sharing their thoughts about climate change and their hopes for the next 10 years. Letters were received from children in the UK, India, USA, Australia, Russia, Hungary, Nigeria, Mexico, and Brazil.

As a result, a **FREE downloadable book** has been produced to try to bring together some of the things that have changed during the children's lifetime and highlight the things we need to do in the next 10 years – things that the children call for in their letters. The book explores many areas of environmental concern and provides some thought-provoking activities at the back to use with primary aged children.



To download the book please click here: [DearWorldLeaders EcoBook.pdf](#)

9. Training 2021-22



Reminder of the training offer 2021-2022

The summary of all training courses can be viewed [here](#)