

Information Flyer

November 2023

Dear Colleagues

Welcome to the November 2023 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.**

A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain.

And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

Isaiah 40:3-5

Advent is a season of expectation and preparation, as Christians get ready to celebrate the coming (*adventus*) of Christ in his incarnation. They also look ahead to his final advent as judge at the end of time. The readings and liturgies not only direct us towards Christ's birth, they also challenge the modern reluctance to confront the theme of divine judgement. Advent is about HOPE, PEACE, JOY, and LOVE. Things that we desperately need to heal a world that is scarred by war, turmoil and loss right now.

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1. YMCA Sleep Easy



Each year YMCA Norfolk joins YMCAs across England and Wales to take part in a mammoth Sleep Easy fundraising event, raising vital funds to help tackle the root causes of youth homelessness. The Diocese of Norwich is partnering with the YMCA and resources will be available for schools early in 2024.

Since 2010, YMCA Sleep Easy has seen over 7,000 people sleep rough raising over £1.5 million for local YMCA services that assist young people in rebuilding their lives. From 7pm on Friday 8th March to 7am on Saturday 9th March, YMCA Norfolk is calling on supporters and fundraisers to join #SleepEasy2024.

Our very own Diocesan Director – Paul Dunning will be sleeping out along with Bishop Ian, Bishop of Thetford. We would love schools to become involved and the YMCA website has a host of ideas of how you can become involved:

www.ymcanorfolk.org/get-involved/sleep-easy-2024/

2. Norwich Cathedral Choristers



“Boys and girls welcome!”

Be a Chorister for the Day

Saturday 18 November 2023
10:30 - 16:00

Register for a place at this open event.
norwich-school.org.uk/admissions/register-your-interest
For more information contact:
T : 01603 728449
E : choir@cathedral.org.uk or
admissions@norwich-school.org.uk

 NORWICH CATHEDRAL

 NORWICH SCHOOL

Norwich Cathedral Choir enjoys a national and international reputation, singing daily choral services in the Cathedral.

The event is open to all children of primary school age and will include:

Presentation to parents about music at the Cathedral and Norwich School

Outdoor games

Tours of Norwich School and Norwich Cathedral
Singing with the Master of Music, Ashley Grote

The opportunity to join the boy and girl choristers singing choral evensong in the magnificent surroundings of Norwich Cathedral.



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3. Chanukah Virtual Broadcast for Primary Schools - The Jewish Museum



This free live-streamed event is for Primary schools on **13 December 2023 9.30-10.30am.**

Join the Jewish Museum Learning and Engagement Team for an exciting free live-streamed event in celebration of the Jewish festival of Chanukah! Tune in for storytelling, object exploration and a live candle lighting to celebrate the festival of Chanukah. To book your place use the link below:

<https://jewishmuseum.org.uk/event/chanukah-virtual-broadcast-for-primary-schools/>

4. RISE Theatre

RISE Theatre - a Christian theatre company are delighted to announce that they will be taking their interactive primary school day - '**God's Planet**' - on tour for the seventh time next spring - from January to March 2024.

They are running a **special offer until the 30th November for all school bookings and a further discount for academy and group bookings** which they hope makes the day accessible for even more schools.

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RISEtheatre
God's Planet
PRIMARY SCHOOL SPRING TOUR 2024
An exciting, interactive day of performance & workshops for the whole school exploring themes around the environment, climate change, God's love for each of us & how we can care for God's AMAZING planet!
-Visit www.risetheatre.co.uk for more information -

GOD'S PLANET DAY PACKAGE INCLUDES:
-Classroom activity pack
-Whole school assembly
-Rehearsal workshops for each Key Stage to learn songs & dramatic actions
-Performance by RISE Theatre for the whole school!

Cost - £600*
*When booked before 30th November (usually £650)
Contact:
schools@risetheatre.co.uk

Discounts available for academies (from £485)



RISEtheatre
www.risetheatre.co.uk

EARLY BIRD BOOKING DISCOUNT UNTIL 30TH NOVEMBER!

SPRING TOUR 2024

Discounts available for academy/cluster bookings

God's Planet Primary School Day
Now booking January to March 2024

An exciting, interactive day of performance & workshops for the whole school exploring themes of the **environment, climate change, God's love** for each of us & **how we can care** for God's AMAZING planet!

"So many of our children have been singing God's Planet with the actions and (they) will forever remember their day with your team"
St Edmund's School, Surrey

*** GET IN TOUCH ***
schools@risetheatre.co.uk
to reserve your date today!

5.NPQS

NPQ Courses

The Diocese of Norwich is once again linking up with Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich to offer **Church of England NPQ courses from April 2024**. The courses are accredited and **fully funded** by the DfE. Small schools (up to 150 pupils) will even receive a **bursary of £800** from the DfE for each candidate who signs up.

All the courses being offered contain a blend of face to face and online sessions. A unique feature of the Church of England offer is that small group online coaching is also built in as part of the programme.

The **National Professional Qualification for Headship (NPQH)** course will run from April 2024 to September 2025 with two highly experienced facilitators and coaches leading the programme – **Richard Cranmer** (CEO of St Benet's Multi Academy Trust) and **Penny Sheppard** (former headteacher of Queen's Hill Primary School and Managing Director of Valued Leadership Ltd). The 5 face to face days will take place in Norfolk. [National Professional Qualification for Headship \(NPQH\) - Foundation for Educational Leadership \(cefel.org.uk\)](https://www.cefel.org.uk/npqh)

The following courses, which last 12 months, are also being offered and face to face sessions on each course will take place in Suffolk:

- **For school leaders who are, or are aspiring to be, a senior leader with cross-school responsibilities** - [National Professional Qualification for Senior Leadership \(NPQSL\) - Foundation for Educational Leadership \(cefel.org.uk\)](https://www.cefel.org.uk/npqsl)
- **For teachers who have, or are aspiring to have, responsibilities for leading teaching in a subject, year group, key stage or phase** - [National Professional Qualification for Leading Teaching \(NPQLT\) - Foundation for Educational Leadership \(cefel.org.uk\)](https://www.cefel.org.uk/npqst)
- **For teachers and leaders with responsibility for leading maths across a primary Key Stage or school** - [National Professional Qualification for Leading primary mathematics \(NPQLPM\) - Foundation for Educational Leadership \(cefel.org.uk\)](https://www.cefel.org.uk/npqspm)

For details of how to apply, please see below and/or the attached leaflets from the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich. Spaces on each course are limited. For further information go to the CEFEL website - [NPQs - Foundation For Educational Leadership \(cefel.org.uk\)](https://www.cefel.org.uk/npq) or contact Neil Henery (neil.henery@dioceseofnorwich.org)

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NPQs

St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Multi Academy Trust

New for 2023/24

Are you in a primary school with less than 150 pupils?

Sign up for your NPQ with us and your school will receive a bursary of £800 from DFE.

Why complete your NPQ with the Church of England?

- Accredited and fully funded by DFE.
- Gain a nationally recognised qualification.
- Experience a great balance of sessions with some online to support your workload and some delivered locally in small groups.
- Think deeply about leading in a values-led way, whether or not you work in a church school or currently have links to our diocese.
- Build your local networks and relationships with school leaders near you, who really understand what teaching is like in our area.




NPQs

St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Multi Academy Trust

What will the impact of my NPQ be?

- Ten key areas of study including effective teaching, classroom practice, school culture, effective implementation and governance.
- Attend small group coaching sessions for each unit, allowing you to really interrogate your understanding of research and its application - making sure you are in a good place to take it forward and actually use your new learning to impact outcomes in your school.
- Study different case studies from schools like your own and those that are very different building confidence and clarity in your own leadership and your leadership priorities.

NPQs are the DFE recommended programme of ongoing professional development for all teachers and school leaders, once they have completed the Early Careers Framework.

NPQs are cross phase programmes of study, so completing your NPQ with us doesn't mean you're only able to lead in church schools - you'll be well prepared to lead in any school across England with pupils of any age.

Where will my face to face sessions be held?

NPQH
NPQSL
NPQLT



Contact us for more information

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heather.hann@cofesuffolk.org
https://cofesuffolkmat.org/



Completing your NPQ with the Diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich

How to Apply...

Select your provider

- Administration
- Best Practice Network (former of Outstanding Leaders Partnership)
- Church of England
- Church of England Rural
- UKA
- National Institute of Training
- National Leadership Centre
- Norfolk
- NCTL

1. Apply via the DFE website here [Register for a national professional qualification \(education.gov.uk\)](https://www.education.gov.uk/register-for-a-national-professional-qualification)

2. Choose Church of England as your provider

You will need your TRN.

If you don't have one you can get one here [Teacher reference number \(TRN\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/teacher-reference-number)

If you've forgotten or lost it, you can find it here [Find a lost teacher reference number \(TRN\) \(education.gov.uk\)](https://www.education.gov.uk/find-a-lost-teacher-reference-number)

3. Complete the Church of England form (you will get a copy automatically by email once you've completed the DFE form)

On Page 3, choose NPQ Standard as your route.

Tick the box if you are part of our Leaders Like Us Programme (you will be aware if this is the case).

Choose whether you want to start your course in November 23 or February 24.

16. First Schools (Anglican & the 16th of 17th)	NPQSL, NPQLT	NPQH, NPQSL, NPQLT
17. Limestone, Redwood, Redburn & Ganton	NPQH, NPQSL, NPQLT, NPQLT (IE), NPQLT (IE)	NPQH, NPQSL, NPQLT, NPQLT (IE), NPQLT (IE)
18. Norfolk & Suffolk	NPQSL, NPQLT	NPQH, NPQSL, NPQLT
19. South London Catholic Schools	NPQH, NPQL	NPQSL, NPQSL, NPQLT
20. Essex and Chelmsford		NPQLT

Which region do you want to complete your training in?*

- Norfolk & Suffolk

*Please note: Training applications from Teacher candidates are not welcome by the Church of England Foundation for Educational Leadership.

The Church of England National Professional Qualification Application form 2023/24



To ensure you're with the Diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich, choose **18 Norfolk & Suffolk** from the drop-down list.

Complete the rest of the form and submit to us - you will automatically be allocated to the Diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich.

Once you've completed your form, a separate form will go to your sponsor for them to approve your application. This can sometimes be filtered to junk so please ask your sponsor to look out for it as you cannot be offered a place without sponsor agreement.

The Diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich will receive your application, once your sponsor has endorsed it, and will issue you a provisional offer. We will be in touch if we are unable to accept your application, for whatever reason.

If you have any problems with the application process or have any questions, please get in touch NPQ@churchofengland.org

6. Active RE Promotion

If you haven't experienced Active RE in your school, then read on and consider booking onto our training! The approach taken is to offer physically active exploration of Bible stories and key themes. Attendees will get the specially developed resources free – Lesson Plans, Active RE Games Booklet and Active RE Visual Aids. The course is led by Tim Henery, who created and developed the resource. It takes place in three school settings as this is active teacher training so wear your sports kit!

Cost: £95 (includes the complete resource of lessons, games and visual aids).

Follow link and select the appropriate date <https://www.dioceseofnorwich.org/schools/training/>

Dates:	Venues:	Times:
23 January 2024	(West) Gayton CE Primary Academy, Kings Lynn	14.00 - 16:30
20 March 2024	(South) The Bishop's CE Primary Academy, Thetford	14.00 - 16:30
18 April 2024	(North) Horsford CE VA Primary School, Norwich	14.00 - 16:30

7. Considerations for Schools in Supporting Pupils and Staff at times of International Conflict

The Church of England Education Office has produced a handy document to provide helpful guidance on how our church school staff should support pupils at times of international crisis. It also provides guidance, reassurance and support for staff as well. The document can be accessed at:

https://winchester.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Considerations_for_Schools_During_International_Conflict_Events_October_2023_2.pdf

Please remember if you need any further advice to contact the Education Team here at the diocese.