

FLOURISHING TOGETHER

RESOURCES AND INFORMATION FOR OUR CHURCH SCHOOLS

Dear colleagues,

Although it has been a matter of weeks since our previous edition was circulated, the DBE team is aware of further opportunities and events that may be of interest to you. As always, please forward this communication to appropriate colleagues in schools.

We are still keen to receive feedback from you on the value of *Flourishing Together*. Please take a couple of minutes to respond via the below link or QR Code.



Paul Dunning
Director of Education

Immeasurably More

Galatians 6 verse 2 says 'Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ.' As we get towards the end of an academic year there are lots of exciting things that go on in schools. However, it is also inevitable that tiredness creeps in. The Galatians text is a good reminder of the importance of supporting one another – something school staff are wonderful at doing!

Feedback form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/ziNC3HuQDf>



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Leading for Impact:

When Leadership Meets Learning

Wymondham College - Wednesday 16th July

Join fellow Primary Phase Leaders from across Norfolk and Suffolk to explore how ambitious leadership is at the very heart of improving outcomes at this fully funded, sector-led and DfE Rise supported event.

- **Be inspired** by keynote **Sonia Gill** who will share her insights from working with ambitious school leaders who are striving for great things for their children
- **See what is possible! Learn from other school leaders** about how they are overcoming barriers to focus on educational outcomes
- Meet and **hear from the region's DfE Rise team** to find out how they will be working with schools next year.

Primary Phase Leaders in Norfolk and Suffolk can secure places at the event by [clicking here](#) by Friday 13th June.

For more information, please contact Victoria Groom:
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For booking and venue queries, please contact Briony Ridgwell:
b.ridgwell@setrust.co.uk

Sonia Gill

Sonia was selected to join the prestigious John Lewis leadership programme where she led a number of multi-million pound business areas for several years. However Sonia's passion lies in education which led her to found Heads Up.

Since founding Heads up in 2011, Sonia has been walking into recently outstanding schools in tough contexts to understand:

- Are they really outstanding?
- If so, what are they doing both differently and the same?

Sonia and her team bring these insights to ambitious school leaders who want to move their school from good to great for their children.

Sonia is an international speaker at educational events and the author of two #1 ranked Amazon books: *Journey to Outstanding* (2nd edition) and *Successful Difficult Conversations in School*.



National Professional Qualifications



Early Bird Form

To support applications for NPQs, a new 'Early Bird form' has been launched on the website, <https://www.nse.org.uk/npq>.

The form is open for participants who wish to reserve their place on a course next year. At this stage they are not choosing a region or delivery partner, they're just choosing a course. Please do share this form and spread the word.

The message is very much that the National Society for Education has been oversubscribed and had to turn people away for the last two cohorts so schools who want the best chance of getting a scholarship place, should one be available, need to apply as soon as they can. We're hoping that, between us, we can get a good number of early applications in this way.

Once the DFE open the registration portal, central office will contact all those on the Early Bird list and prompt them to do the DFE registration form, and then the full CofE application as per the usual process.

Flyers will be available to share in due course.

SAVE THE DATE

Education Celebration Service

Thursday 4th September

The Open Academy, Norwich, NR7 9DL

5:30pm



This event is for all those who support children and young people across schools and churches:

- **Headteachers**
- **School staff**
- **Governors**
- **Trustees**
- **Youth and children's workers**
- **School chaplains**
- **Volunteers**
- **Clergy.**

The Diocesan Board of Education team would be delighted if you would join us to celebrate and pray for the new academic year and all it holds.

Further details and service registration will be shared in due course.

Big Spring Sing

Knowing the part that singing plays in so many of our schools, you may be interested in the following opportunity (including many excellent *free* resources!).



Last year several Dioceses took part in 'Big Spring Sings' in various locations around the country. They were run by three different DBEs and between them involved several hundreds of pupils and many of their parents, enabling the pupils to celebrate their part in speaking up for justice and raising awareness of the work of Christian Aid, along with some fundraising. Easter sets the theological framing for these events with the ultimate celebration of the victory of life over death.

At this stage, in our Diocese, we haven't made any plans for a large-scale event where schools come together but would certainly look into this if there is enough interest!

It may be something that you would just like to do within your existing relationships with other schools e.g., across a Federation or just within your own school.

There is an excellent website with information and resources:

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved/schools/big-spring-sing-landing-page>

For further information about Big Spring Sing, please contact Alison Brown, Interim Children and Young People's Team Manager: abrown@christian-aid.org or 020 7620 4444.

If you think you may like to hold a Big Spring Sing event in your own school, or interested in teaming up with other local schools, please express your interest to Jodie Ballard, PA to the Director of Education:
jodie.ballard@dioceseofnorwich.org

Executive Headteachers Network

Sparhawk Infant and Nursery School, Norwich, NR7 8BU

Thursday 10th July

3:30-5:00pm

If you are an **Executive Headteacher** of **either maintained schools or in a trust**, you are warmly invited to the **half termly network sessions** jointly facilitated by Norfolk County Council, VNET and the Diocese of Norwich.

The network enables colleagues to **share challenges and successes** in their executive leader roles.

For further information about the network and to book your free place, please contact Richard Cranmer, Education Adviser:
richard.cranmer@dioceseofnorwich.org



Christianity as a Global World Faith



The RE Advisers of the Dioceses of Ely, Norwich, St Edmundsbury & Ipswich are offering schools training on Christianity as a global world faith.



Training sessions will include:

Psychological safe spaces
Theologically rooted resources
Walkthrough of the units UC Core Concept-Incarnation
Background knowledge for teachers
Global Christianity Concepts - Community, Embrace, Power
Key vocabulary
Reflections from lived experiences of Christianity
Support from Global Majority Heritage person.



Three Teaching Zoom Sessions, 4-5pm

Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1

Thursday 2nd October

Lower Key Stage 2

Thursday 9th October

Upper Key Stage 2

Thursday 16th October

RE Leaders to attend all three sessions.

This training requires attendance to all four sessions for RE Leader.

Teachers can attend the relevant Key Stage training.

It is best for whole school CPD, use for staff meeting time or disaggregated TTD.

Three Zoom sessions will walk through the INCARNATION core concept in a primary school.

Time will be given to embed and reflect on the Incarnation unit within your RE curriculum.

One Zoom session for sharing work examples and good practice.

Booking link:

<https://www.elydiocese.org/schools/school-training-and-development/>