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| **From the Director**   * Details of revisions to some of the Families of Schools (Academy Programme) * Information about Admissions * News of staff changes at the Education Service * Sad news relating to tragedies in two of our schools   ***J P Morrison***  **Sharing platform – SLACK supports RE curriculum changes**  The Education Service is utilising an online sharing platform called SLACK to support the work of Heads of RE and Chaplains in the Diocese. Two SLACK groups have been set up; one for Heads of RE that enables these subject leaders to upload resources and support each other with the new RE curriculum changes at KS4 and KS5, and the other group is for Chaplains with the aim that effective examples of liturgies, assemblies, prayer and worship can be shared. Over 200 different resources have been uploaded so far but Heads of RE and Chaplains need to continue to regularly use their SLACK group to ensure it remains effective.  *Contact: Claire O’Neill,* [*claireoneill@rcdow.org.uk*](mailto:claireoneill@rcdow.org.uk)*,*  **RSE Documents in Word Format**  The Relationships and Sex Education documents from the CES have now been made available in Word Format, enabling schools to edit and adapt to personalise. The documents are all available on our website along with the original PDF versions.  *Contact: Amanda Crowley* [*amandacrowley@rcdow.org.uk*](mailto:amandacrowley@rcdow.org.uk) *02077989182* | **COURSES ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND CATHOLIC LIFE**  19th January – Chair of Governor briefing – **postponed until 30th March 2017**  20th January – Aspiring Head of RE  24th January – Primary AHT / DH – from advert to appointment  25th January – Secondary AHT and DH Conference  26th January – Liturgical year and Catholic School Community  31st January – Children Preparing and Leading Acts of Worship  4th February – Link Governor for RE and Catholic Life  6th February – RECD – improving teaching and learning in RE  7th February – Key Beliefs of the Catholic Church  21st February – HT Deanery Representative Discussion Forum  23rd and 24th February – Secondary HT Conference  27th February – Governor Induction  Please book complete booking form and book with Margaret Theissl [margarett@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:margarett@rcdow.org.uk)  *Contact: Amanda Crowley* [*amandacrowley@rcdow.org.uk*](mailto:amandacrowley@rcdow.org.uk) *02077989182*  **ATTACHMENTS**   * Information about the **Hertfordshire Teacher Recruitment Fair** on 19th March 2016 * Information attached regarding services offered by **Aquinas Education** * Information attached about a Scripture and RE Conference being held at Heythrop College of 21st and 22nd March 2017 * A letter from Archbishop Kevin McDonald along with resources for use in schools and parishes relating to Holocaust Memorial Day 2017. |

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