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Dear Colleagues in Catholic Education

Every second Wednesday, the Education Service provides schools with a wide variety of materials, resources, advice and updates on all matters relating to our schools and colleges. The content of these bulletins are for Headteachers, Senior Leaders, Teaching Staff, Governors, Clergy and anyone who may benefit from them.

Please feel free to share.

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*Thank you for all you are doing for your school community
and for Catholic education!*

Upcoming Training Opportunities

Upcoming CPD – Online Courses February 2022

Date/Time	Course	Booking Links
Monday 7th February: 9.30am to 3.00pm	Preparation for Primary Diocesan Inspection Online Course – 7th February	Booking Link
Tuesday 8th February: 3.30pm to 5.00pm	Mental Well-Being for School Staff Online Course	Booking Link
Thursday 10 th February: 3.30pm to 5.00pm	Pupil Led Worship Online Course	Booking Link
Tuesday 22 nd February: 3.30pm to 5.00pm	Rethinking the Curriculum Online Course	Booking Link
Wednesday 23 rd February: 3.45pm to 4.45pm	RE Sharing Session Online Course	RSVP
Thursday 24 th February: 3.30pm to 5.00pm	LENT Online Course	Booking Link
Friday 25 th February: 9.30am to 12.00pm	Developing a Pupil Chaplaincy Team Online Course	Booking Link
1st, 2nd, 3rd March: 9.30am to 2.45pm	Diocesan Schools Online Conference	Booking Link

(Please click on the ticket link to book)

CCRS

Congratulations and well done to the following participants who have successfully completed the CCRS Certificate:

- **St. Paul's, Surrey:** Louisa Davies, Natalia Matak,
- **St. Ignatius, Surrey:** Charlotte Hendy, Emer O'Neill, Lloyd Walsh, Rebecca Vander Vloet
- **Our Lady of the Rosary, Surrey:** Amanda McCarthy, Patricia McNicholas, Sarah Morris,
- **St. Michael's, Surrey:** Rachel Tillotson, Rachel Wells

It was no mean feat given, that they were coping with lockdown and the pandemic shortly after they commenced. Thank you to their headteachers who supported their efforts and study. We know from your feedback that you appreciate what the course offers and the impact it has on RE in the classroom and in the life of a Catholic School.

New CCRS course starting in February (Module 1: 9th, 23rd, Mar 9th, 16th & 23rd)

Running online, Wednesdays, 4 – 6pm.

Contact: Margaret Hanley ccrs@rcdow.org.uk for a registration form. Closing date: 4th February

Alternatively, you can join the group running online on a Saturday 10-4pm for two Saturdays per module. They will start Module 4 in March and you can make up modules you have missed, later.

The CCRS supports

- Aspiring and new school leaders in understanding and developing their role of leading the school community in their Catholic Faith.
- Class teachers and teaching assistants in teaching RE in the classroom through strengthening their knowledge and understanding of the underlying precepts of the Catholic Faith.

More information can be found on RCDOW Education website, choose Events and Courses and CCRS has its own section.

Please contact **Margaret Hanley** if you are interested in joining, have any questions or just want to know more about what is involved ccrs@rcdow.org.uk

RE and Catholic Life Resources

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions: February

Intention for evangelisation – **For religious sisters and consecrated women**

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

PRAYER INTENTIONS (Based on the Liturgical Year)	Liturgical Colour
Christian Unity (Octave or prayer for Christian unity in January)	GREEN
Peace on Earth (Peace Day – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)	
Victims of Human Trafficking (Feast of St Josephine Bakhita)	
Sick and Those Who Care For Them (World day of the Sick – Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes)	
Europe (Feast of Ss Cyril and Methodius)	
Racial Justice (Racial Justice day - 3 Sundays before Lent)	
Unemployed (Day for the unemployed – Sunday before Lent)	

LITURGICAL YEAR	NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DAYS
February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> St Brigid (1st) Presentation of Our Lord (2nd) St Blaise (3rd) St Agatha (5th) Paul Miki and Companions (6th) St Jerome Emiliani; St Josephine Bakhita (8th) Our Lady of Lourdes (11th) Ss Cyril and Methodius (14th) Chair of St Peter (22nd) 	February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Wetlands Day (2nd) World Cancer Day (4th) World Pulses Day (10th) International Day of Women and Girls in Science; Safer Internet Day (11th) World Day of the Sick (11th) World Radio Day (13th) World Day of Social Justice (20th) International Mother Language Day (21st) International Polar Bear Day (27th) <p><i>Interfaith Harmony Week - 1st week in Feb</i></p>

St Josephine Bakhita (8th February)

On 8 February we celebrate **Bakhita Day**, the Feast Day of **St Josephine Bakhita**, the patron saint of victims of modern slavery. It is an opportunity for schools to raise awareness of modern slavery and human trafficking, and to gain support for **Caritas Bakhita House**, a safe house for women escaping human trafficking and modern slavery, opened in the Diocese of Westminster in 2015 at an undisclosed location (for protection and safety) and providing accommodation for 12 women at a time.



If you would like more information about how your school might help Caritas Bakhita House, more information can be found [here](#). For Caritas Westminster's PowerPoint on Bakhita Day see [here](#).

Our Lady of Lourdes (11th February)

Loving Father,

We place our worries in your hands.

We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again.

Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us.

Amen.



For Mission Together's liturgy for the World Day of the Sick see [here](#).

For Our Lady of Lourdes Prayer for Healing see [here](#)

The God Who Speaks

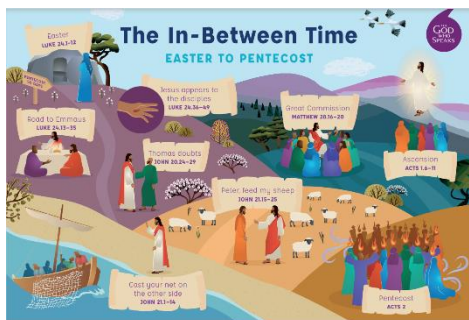
Resources

This month the theme is [here](#): Preparing for Lent and Eastertide

There are new posters for schools on the themes [here](#): Ash Wednesday, Lent and Easter

Tony Bower of the York Schools & Youth Trust has created **An Easter Donkey interactive resource** available to download later this week [here](#)

There is also a new *In-Between Times poster and resources* for **Easter to Pentecost** [here](#)



More Lent and Eastertide resources, including a **visual journey through Eastertide**, are found [here](#)

Fr Michael Hall opens our eyes with **Luke and the Open Heaven** [here](#)

Bp David Evans launches a new series on **The Meaning of Life** using the Bible and modern philosophy to help explore some big questions [here](#)

If you haven't seen the commissioned Bible artwork, the new **Mosaic Experience** gives you a 360° tour of this stunning *Little Bits of God* artwork and can be found [here](#)

Events and workshops

Come to the most exciting **St Albans Scripture Festival**. Find out more [here](#)

The **Society of St. Gregory** is offering these Scripture workshops:

- Wednesday 16 February 2022 at 7.30-9pm: **Scriptures for Lent** (Canon Patrick Hartnett)
- Wednesday 27 April 2022 at 7.30-9pm: **Scriptures for Eastertide** (Mgr Kevin McGinnell)

These are online interactive sessions, with lots of practical help and tips.

£10 per person, or £25 if you book for more than two workshops.

Bookings, together with all the details, are available on their website [here](#).

On **11th May**, Mgr Kevin McGinnell will lead us in a bonus session, **'Shadows in the Gospel'**, for which there's no charge. You can reserve your place when booking for the other sessions online.



A Learning Opportunity

The Centre for Catholic Studies (CCS) in the Dept of Theology and Religion at Durham University is currently advertising **Postgraduate Scholarships and Bursaries in Catholic Theology / Catholic Studies for 2022/23**.

We would especially like to draw your attention to the two Louis Lafosse PhD Scholarships, including full-fees (at UK level), plus a maintenance allowance at the UK Research Council's national rate (full-time rate £15,609 in 2021-22). Applications are open to both full-time candidates (3 year awards) and part-time candidates (6 year awards).

Full details including eligibility criteria and an application form are available at [Funding - Durham University](#)

The closing date for applications for the Louis Lafosse PhD Scholarships is **Sunday 27 February 2022**. All other applications are open until 22 May 2022.

Recommended – Youth Catechism

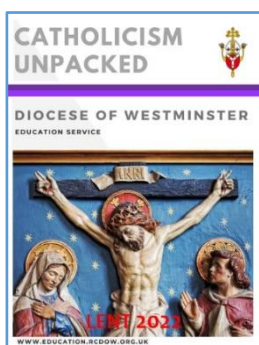
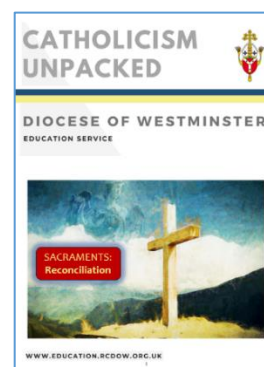
It is highly recommended that you purchase the Youth Catechism (YouCat or YouCat for Kids) for your school as they will support the understanding of both teaching staff and pupils with regards the teaching of the Catholic Church. DoCat is from the same series and support Catholic Social Teaching. These resources heavily support the Catholicism Unpacked documents and are referred to throughout the new RECD for both primary and secondary pupils. All information can be found <https://www.youcat.org/>



Catholicism Unpacked – Updates

Reconciliation

Documents to support with understanding of the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation have already been created and we are excited to be able to let you know. Our new addition on Reconciliation can be found [HERE](#) along with others in this series. As well as having Q&A and an A-Z of terms to support teachers with their subject knowledge and understanding of the teachings of the Catholic Church, there are also links to Scripture and prayer as well as videos and resources.

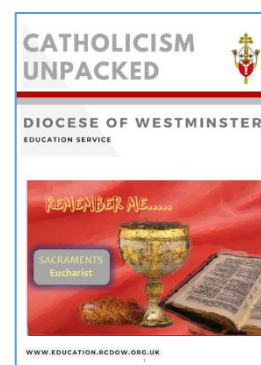


Lent

This document is currently being updated so that it has the readings for this year and relevant information from the charities. Lent begins on **2nd March** this year. It is hoped that this new document will be shared with you in the next edition of Witness to the Word.

Eucharist

This new document will complement the other resources and will be the final resource on Sacraments of Initiation. Like the others it will have information and links to support the subject knowledge of teachers and it is hoped that this resource will be shared with schools in March.



Diocese of Westminster Pilgrimage to Lourdes

As preparations begin for the annual Westminster Pilgrimage to Lourdes from Friday 22nd July to Friday 29th July 2022, it is hoped that we will be able to travel together as a Diocese once more. In order to aid the planning stages, it would be helpful if you could contact The Pilgrimage Office to request an Expression of Interest form from Elizabeth Uwalaka elizabethuwalaka@rcdow.org.uk. Please indicate your interest in travelling to Lourdes in July 2022 and state if you would be willing to offer any help or volunteer for any of the roles that support the smooth running of the Pilgrimage. Thank you so much for your service and support.

(Please note that pilgrimage volunteers over the age of 18 require a DBS (formerly known as a CRB check) granted by the Diocese of Westminster Safeguarding Department with the correct level of clearance to work with vulnerable children and adults. All participants, and in particular all Assisted Pilgrims, are required to complete a Westminster Lourdes Pilgrimage Medical Questionnaire and to have received the appropriate permissions, including proof of vaccination against Covid-19 and its variants, according to health guidance, before travel.)

Thames Festival Trust – River of Hope

River of Hope is an arts-based learning project linking schools around the world through the study of rivers. In 2022, River of Hope forms a central part of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. The Queen has always shown a great love and respect for the natural environment. We hope that this project will encourage young people around the world to think about the importance of safeguarding the future of their own natural environment.

Interested schools will receive packs which encourage the use art to teach environmental themes. The packs provided take teachers through a step-by-step guide to creating an imaginative piece of artwork, with their students, using art and design skills and utilising either natural or recycled materials, while encouraging young people to think about their hopes and aspirations for the next 70 years. Two hundred of the artworks created will be printed onto silk flags and will be processed as part of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Pageant. In addition, an online gallery will be created to display all the artworks received from around the world. To register your interest, click [here](#)

Columban Missionaries - Schools Media Competition

“No one is too small to make a difference, everyone can do something. If everyone does something, then huge differences can happen.”

Climate activist Greta Thunberg to Channel 4 News.

SCHOOLS MEDIA COMPETITION

We are looking for students (Year 9 to Year 13) to submit an original piece of writing or an original image on the theme:

ANYONE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

21ST CENTURY CHANGEMAKERS

Who in the world today is doing something about inequality, injustice, exclusion and environmental degradation? What can they teach us? How can we draw on our own faith and personal experience to be changemakers?

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: FRIDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2022

For more information on entry guidelines see:
www.columbancompetition.com
or email hello@columbancompetition.com

PRINT PRIZES
1ST £300
2ND £150 • 3RD £100

IMAGE PRIZES
1ST £300
2ND £150 • 3RD £100

 **COLUMBAN MISSIONARIES**

Racial Justice, Equality and Diversity Update

Diocesan Racial Justice Equality and Diversity CPD Programme 2022

**RETHINKING THE CURRICULUM:
SCHOOLS' WORKSHOP** **22
FEB**

To support participants in rethinking an inclusive curriculum.

Speaker: Alexandra Brown and representatives from three Diocesan schools.

Audience: All staff, school leaders, governors in primary and secondary schools.

Tuesday 22nd February | 3.30 to 5.00pm

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MAY** **CHALLENGING
RACIAL INJUSTICE
IN THE CHURCH**

To challenge racial injustice in the Church.

Speaker: Father Richard Nesbitt

Audience: All staff, parents, clergy, Diocesan staff.

Wednesday 11th May | 3.30 to 5.00pm

**SOLIDARITY IN THE FACE OF
ADVERSITY** **20
JUN**

To develop advocacy in schools for racial justice, equality and diversity.

Speaker: Susan Elderfield

Audience: All staff, governors, parents, clergy and Diocesan staff.

Monday 20th June | 3.30 to 5.00pm

Prayer for Racial Justice

When our eyes do not see the gravity of racial injustice,
Shake us from our slumber and open our eyes, O Lord.

When out of fear we are frozen into inaction,
Give us a spirit of bravery, O Lord.

When we try our best but say the wrong things,
Give us a spirit of humility, O Lord.

When the chaos of this dies down,
Give us a lasting spirit of solidarity, O Lord.

When it becomes easier to point fingers outward,
Help us to examine our own hearts, O Lord.

God of truth, in your wisdom, Enlighten Us.

God of love, in your mercy, Forgive Us.

God of hope in your kindness, Heal Us.

Creator of All People, in your generosity, Guide Us.

Racism breaks your heart,
break our hearts for what breaks yours, O Lord.

Dr Martin Luther King Jr

Next RJED Talk – 22nd February: RETHINKING THE CURRICULUM: SCHOOLS' WORKSHOP

Aim: To support participants in rethinking an inclusive curriculum with practical examples for both primary and secondary school from current teachers.

Speaker: Alexandra Brown and Savraj Ram.

Audience: All staff, school leaders, governors in primary and secondary schools. Tuesday 22nd February | 3.30 to 5.00pm. Click [here](#) to book

Racial Justice Sunday

This will be celebrated on **13th February** as the date changes each year. It is one of our diocesan priorities again this year to work for racial justice and equality. Last year we invited schools to design Racial Justice Prayer Cards and these can be found [HERE](#).

Diocesan Song Competition

This year, we would like to invite your pupils to compose a song on the theme of racial justice, equality and diversity which we can then share on our website. This is open to pupils of all ages and can be done by individuals or groups of any size. Songs can be sung, said or silent as some pupils may be shy in performing and tunes can be known or composed by pupils also. All are welcome. Please send all entries to elainearundell@rcdow.org.uk by

Friday 25th March 2022. If there are images of the pupils, please make sure that each pupil has recorded permission for this to be shared on our website. Some examples of songs composed by pupils are as follows:

Million Dreams by St Catherine of Siena's

Where is God? by Archie

God is Everywhere by Abrielle

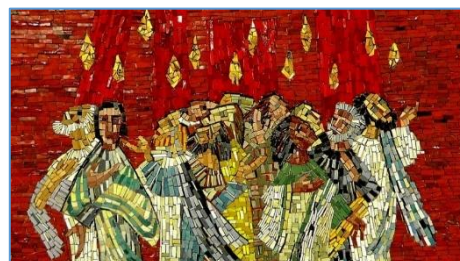


Video on Racial Justice

Last year, Fr Albert created a video for you to share with your pupils. This year, Bishop Paul McAleenan will be making one for us so that you can share with your school and parish community. We will share this with you as soon as it is available to us.

Pentecost 2022

Last year, we celebrated diversity during our online Pentecost liturgy. This year, we are planning to have an **in-person liturgy in Westminster Cathedral on 9th June at 2pm** so please do make note of this in your diary. We will inform you of the details in due course. It is hoped that the winning song will be sung at this liturgy and that some images on this year's Racial Justice theme will be shared at this event. Bishop Paul McAleenan will be at this celebration with us.



Theme: Imagery in our Church

This year the theme will be *Imagery in our Church* and we will be signposting you to videos, resources and information to support this. We have already started to work on this through our Christmas card competition and the diversity and inclusiveness of artwork in our materials including Catholicism Unpacked. However, we know there is still a long way to go. Should you have any artwork/imagery/statues that you have found effective in your school or if your pupils have been involved in any initiatives or artwork, please share your successes and creations with us.

Some diverse Christian images based on scripture are recommended below.

Picturing Jesus - <https://shop.retoday.org.uk/9781905893195>

Picturing Easter - <https://shop.retoday.org.uk/9781905893041>

Picturing Christianity - <https://shop.retoday.org.uk/9781910261057>

Picturing Jesus - <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Picturing-Jesus-Pack-Latimer-Blaylock/dp/1904024440>

See 8 collective worship ideas featuring diverse representations of Christ (free):

<https://www.cofesuffolk.org/schools/school-leaders/collective-worship/>

Education Service Website – RJED

We are currently updating our website so that it has an exciting and supportive RJED section. In order to make this vibrant and truly reflective of our diocesan community, we invite all schools to send us 1-2 photos reflecting diversity in the school community. We would also love to hear about any successful initiatives or events so that we can share these successes on our website. Please see the email about this that should have been sent to you and contact elainearundell@rcdow.org.uk and claireoneill@rcdow.org.uk

Governance Update

Senior Appointments

Governors are reminded that the Diocese need to be involved in the appointment of senior leaders in the school (the “restricted posts”). We aim to provide you with all the support you need, especially as making these appointments can be a new experience for many Governing Body.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you are starting this process. Especially during this term, diaries can be tight and we need to make sure that the right people are available to help you.

Please email catherinemcmahon@rcdow.org.uk to receive the diocesan guide to making these appointments.

Courses for Governors in the Spring term

Date / Time	Course Title / Overview	Booking Links
Monday 21 st and 28 th February January: 6.00pm to 7.00pm	Chair of Governor Induction Online Course (Two Sessions) Course Aim: The AIM of this course is to provide new Chairs of Governors (and others) in Catholic schools with the knowledge and expertise to manage this important role with confidence Course Content: A reminder of the three core functions and six key features of effective governance of a Catholic school. The key responsibilities of the Chair of Governors in a Catholic school including: – Ensuring effective functioning of the board and strategic focus – Setting expectations Providing leadership & direction – Working as an effective team – Key relationships including Headteacher, Diocese, Local Authority and Trust Knowing how to drive improvement in your board so that your board can drive improvement in your school. Being a Chair of a Catholic school in challenging times. Target Audience: Newly appointed / Inexperienced Chairs, Vice-Chairs, Co-Chairs, Committee Chairs and those who aspire to become Chairs of Governors. Course Lead: Deb Long	Booking Link
1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd March: 9.30am to 2.45pm	Diocesan Schools Online Conference	Booking Link

(Please click on the link to book)

GovernorHub

GovernorHub is the only way we have of communicating with all governors in the diocese. Please make sure that the details on it are correct and that you check it regularly.

New Chairs / Clerks

Please do let us know if you have elected new chairs / co-chairs of governors or clerks since the start of this academic year by emailing Deb on deblong@rcdow.org.uk with the name/s and email address/es. Also, please ensure that you update GovernorHub with all changes to your board for this school year.

Process for appointing foundation governors / directors

The revised process for appointing and re-appointing Foundation Governors is a much more efficient way for us to process applications. **Please make sure that you have all the correct documents ready to submit in one go.** This makes it much more likely that we will get your application back to you as quickly as possible.

You can also now find these documents in the resources section of Governor Hub.

1. We ask that your school appoints a Nominated Person (either the Clerk to Governors or perhaps, someone in the School Office) who will administer this process.
2. The Nominated Person should download the suite of forms [available [here](#)] and personalise them to the school, including the email address of the nominated person.
3. The Nominated Person will send the application to and receive the application from the applicant.
4. The Nominated Person will seek the references and the DBS certification. (Note: the parish priest may wish to return the reference directly to the diocese; if they wish to do this, they have been asked to let the nominated person know).
5. When all references and Clearances are available, the Nominated Person will upload all documents to the Diocese using this secure link [here](#). A receipt will be sent to the Nominated Person and the Applicant on submission.
6. The Diocese will determine the complete application within 21 days, either with a letter and deed of appointment, or other communication.

If you have any questions about how the system will work or difficulty in downloading the materials, please contact Carol Campbell (governors@rcdow.org.uk)

Mental Health Update

Children's Mental Health Week



Children's Mental Health Week is taking place on 7-13 February 2022, and this year's theme is *Growing Together*.

The theme this year will be encouraging children (and adults) to consider how they have grown, and how they can help others to grow.

[Click here](#) for more information and resources to support Children's Mental Week.

Place2Be [Click here](#) for mental health and wellbeing support and advice for children and young people

Young Minds – [Click here](#) for mental health and wellbeing support and advice for young people



Time to Talk Day [Click here](#) on Thursday 3rd February is about creating supportive communities by having conversations with family, friends, or colleagues about mental health.

- Mind [Click here](#)
- Rethink Mental Health [Click here](#)

To continue mental health and wellbeing awareness through the academic year [Click here](#) for a hand calendar of events.

Caritas Update

Refugees Welcome

Schools of Sanctuary at the Diocesan Migrant, Asylum Seeker and Refugee Network – 10th March

Learn how to make your school into a place of welcome and sanctuary for migrants, asylum seekers and refugees. Join a community of support, hosted by Caritas Westminster. At this session we will be hearing from Schools of Sanctuary Coordinator, Megan Greenwood. **Sign up** via this Eventbrite page.

Primary and Secondary School's Resources

Visit our webpage to access schools' resources, jointly produced with the SVP and JRS, to reflect with your pupils on how to welcome migrants, asylum seekers and refugees.
<https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/refugees.php>

Addressing Food Poverty

Hot off the press: Thank you so much for your feedback and stories. As a result of your responses to our questionnaires and direct requests, we were able to put in a really good bid to the Cardinal's Appeal and have won funding to continue our Caritas Supermarket Vouchers in 2022. We will continue to support schools to address Food Poverty from the three aspects; direct relief, building resilience, and advocacy.

Building Resilience: Free training to start soon

It isn't too late to join the expert training part of our **Road to Resilience** programme. Please share with those staff and volunteers who provide pastoral support and outreach to individuals and families.

- Firm Foundations, a year-long **financial resilience** programme designed to support churches, schools and community projects to reach the most marginalised, particularly people trapped in debt and other financial difficulties. Hear from the Chaplain of NCC talking about his experience [here](#).
- “**Strengths based approach**” training from the Mayday Trust - this is aimed at projects supporting vulnerable people who are experiencing difficulties, to become really transformational by taking a holistic approach to helping each individual, and
- Stepping Stones, a year-long **help into work programme**, so schools can accompany people to secure dignified and fulfilling work.

If you are interested, or know someone who might be able to benefit from one of these courses, please email caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk.

Putting love into action

Do you need any volunteers? Do parents or young people want to volunteer?

The Caritas Volunteering Fair takes place on Saturday 5th March 2022, 12 – 2 pm, at Westminster Cathedral Hall. It is open to all in the Diocese of Westminster. If your school has any volunteering roles you would like to be advertised to the wider public at the fair, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator at cvs@rcdow.org.uk or on 0773818 3833. For more information and to register for the fair, please visit [Eventbrite](#)

After the Synod... let us dream!

We have read some wonderful accounts of what students would like to see from the Church of the future in the Synod responses. We would love to build on the dreams for a better future; where we care for our Mother Earth and each other, and will be in touch soon with some exciting news.

In the meantime, if you haven't already, please ask us about our Caritas Ambassador programme, for both primary and secondary schools. It aims to equip pupils with a strong understanding of **Catholic Social Teaching** and how we can put it into action in our daily lives. For more information see our website: [here](#)

Capital and PPP Update

Capital

Statlog – Statutory Compliance

Compliance Overview



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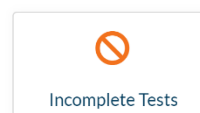
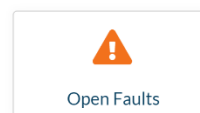
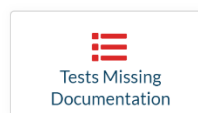
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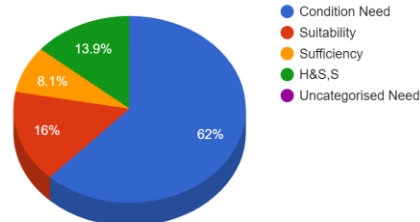
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Statlog – Condition Surveys

Capital Asset Need

Condition Need	£142,309,599
Suitability	£36,644,444
Sufficiency	£18,675,001
Health, Safety & Safeguarding	£32,017,904

Includes data from 155 completed surveys. 2 surveys are in progress.



Total Need: £229,646,948.44

157 surveys are complete or nearing completion. Consultants have a further 12 surveys to complete and then every licenced school will have an up-to-date Statlog Survey.

Project Manager Lite (PML)

Colleagues continue to grow in confidence using this Statlog Module. Training opportunities will be offered this year for both new and experienced users.

If you need support with Statlog, please contact nigelspears@rcdow.org.uk (07738183828) or helpdesk@statlog.co.uk (03331123133)

For full transparency and audit purposes, all elements of the Statlog Process must be recorded electronically. If a contractor fails to provide their quotation in the required format, their submission cannot be accepted. Please work with contractors and help them to understand our requirements and/or contact the above for assistance.

Priority School Building Programme

Project managers continue to monitor the progress of schools in this scheme.

Pupil Placement Planning

1st Planner Project

A draft report was circulated to all head teacher who attended the January Briefings. 1st Planner is expecting to issue site specific reports to every school before Easter.

Once all of the reports have been issued, there will be opportunities for clusters of schools and academies to meet with Nigel Spears and 1st Planner colleagues to review local data and consider options for the future.

Discussions with potential external partners is progressing well. Visits to certain sites will take place over the next few months. Site visits may indicate a degree of interest from external partners but should not be taken as a guarantee of investment. If partners are interested and the Diocesan Trustees are confident that the project will be self-funding, we will be actively engaging with Head teachers and Governors/Directors as appropriate.

Decarbonisation

Salix – Heat Decarbonisation Plans

Visits to Schools are progressing on schedule. Completing the reports in the allotted time is challenging and your assistance is greatly appreciated. We are in regular communication with Salix as part of their monitoring and assurance process.

Some of the detail of a typical report was shared with those attending the January Head Teacher Briefings.

Colleagues from Zeco will continue to engage with the shortlisted schools and provide support where necessary. If you need any further information about this initiative, please email nigelspears@rcdow.org.uk.

Other Approved Initiatives

Condition Data Collection (CDC)

The Government has commenced the latest round of its Condition Data Collection process. It is a quinquennial programme and this round builds on the two that preceded it. Schools will be contacted by surveyors appointed by the Government. This process is monitored by the Education Service, but we do not normally attend any of the engagement sessions. The surveyors are expected to contact you in advance of any proposed site visit. Please contact nigelspears@rcdow.org.uk if you have any questions about this process. If we receive advanced notification of a block of visits, we will publish that list in the bulletin.

Insurance Validation

The Catholic Insurance Service and Zurich have commissioned an audit and appraisal of schools insured via the CIS. The Diocesan Trustees are paying for this initiative and targeted schools will be approached by a company called Charterfields. If your school is targeted during this initiative, please supply Charterfields with the data and access they required.