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Summer Term Issue 4

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

Day and Time	Course	Booking Link
Monday 17 th June	<p>Secondary: New Chaplains Induction</p> <p>Course Aim: To induct new chaplains regarding the national and Diocesan expectations for chaplaincy</p> <p>Content:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Engaging explanation about the national and diocese expectation for chaplaincy 2. Shared expertise from an establish and outstanding chaplain 3. Practical ideas about how to plan and effectively organise chaplaincy in the context of a secondary school <p>Target Audience: New Chaplains and Liturgy Coordinators</p> <p>Venue: London Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, London, W1K 3AH.</p>	<p>Booking Link: Click Here</p>
Wednesday 19 th June	<p>Cross Phase - Catholic Life and Mission Update and Sharing Forum</p> <p>Course Aim: To explain to those leading their school's Catholic Life and Mission diocesan and national updates and give them an opportunity to share good practice and network.</p> <p>Content:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Relevant and useful updates regarding Catholic Life and Mission. 2. An opportunity for advisors to address any question or concerns regarding Catholic Life and Mission. 3. Time to share good practice and network with other. <p>Target Audience: RECs, Primary and Liturgy Coordinator, Chaplains, Senior Teachers in Charge of Catholic Life and Mission.</p>	<p>Booking Link: Click Here</p>

<p>Thursday 20th June</p>	<p>Primary - Diocesan Moderation Day</p> <p>Course Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary Road Map and next steps • Year 1 overview of branches 1 & 2 • Theology notes • RE-cap of EYFS workshops & content <p><i>Please bring your own lunch with you, there is also opportunity to purchase lunch nearby.</i></p> <p>Venue: London Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, London, W1K 3AH.</p>	<p>Booking Link: Click Here</p>
<p>Monday 24th June</p>	<p>RJED Online Session 5:</p> <p>WHAT CAN ECTS AND CLASSROOM TEACHERS DO?</p> <p>Course Aim: The aim of this course is to ensure ECTs and classroom teachers are informed about issues concerning RJED and know how to champion and support RJED within their classrooms.</p> <p>Course Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide relevant and useful ECTs/classroom teachers training from an RJED expert. • To provide practical suggestions about how to monitor, support and develop RJED. • To provide an opportunity to ask questions to gain a great insight into the role of ECTs/classroom teachers in RJED. <p>Target Audience: ECTs and Classroom Teachers.</p>	<p>Booking Link: Click Here</p>

<p>Tuesday 25th</p>	<p>Primary - EYFS Planning Workshop for new RED</p> <p>Course Aim: To understand the content of the RED for EYFS and develop planning for Branches 1 to 6.</p> <p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject knowledge for Branches to 6 and exploration of planning approaches. • Sharing of resources and strategies. • Practical planning time with colleagues for implementation in school. <p>Target Audience: RECs and EYFS teachers who did not attend some or any of the previous workshops.</p> <p>Venue: London Jesuit Centre 114 Mount Street London W1K 3AH</p>	<p>Booking Link: Click Here</p>
<p>Thursday 27th to Friday 28th June</p>	<p>Heads of RE Residential Conference</p> <p>Course Aim:</p> <p>The aim of the conference is to provide Heads of RE with training, support and practical ideas so they can excel in their roles.</p> <p>Course Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heads of RE will receive relevant and useful training from experts that will support them in leading their schools RE Department. • Heads of RE will be informed about new initiatives, projects and resources that will enhance RE in their school. • Heads of RE will have an opportunity to network and share good practice. <p>Audience: Heads of RE</p> <p>Course Leads: Trisha Hedley & Claire O'Neill</p> <p>Location: High Leigh, Lord Street, Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire EN11 8SG</p>	<p>Booking Link: Click Here</p>

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<p>Tuesday 2nd July</p>	<p>Secondary: 2nd in Charge of RE Updates and Sharing Forum</p> <p>Course Aim: To explain to teachers who are 2nd in charge of RE diocesan and national updates and give them an opportunity to share good practice and network</p> <p>Content:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Relevant and useful updates regarding RE 2. An opportunity for advisors to address any question or concerns regarding RE 3. Time to share good practice and network with other 2nd in charge of RE <p>Target Audience: 2nd in Charge of RE</p>	<p>Booking Link: Click Here</p>

<p>Monday 8th July</p>	<p>Headteachers Retreat</p>  <p>Retreat Aim: To provide Headteachers with opportunities to reflect, pray and be spiritually nourished.</p> <p>Retreat Content:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Headteachers will receive a relevant and well planned retreat day from an experienced retreat leader. This will support them in leading their faith community. 2. Time and space away from school to intentionally spend time with God. 3. Encouragement and ideas about ways to support their faith journey after the retreat <p>Target Audience: Headteachers.</p> <p>Venue: Waxwell House, 125 Waxwell Lane, Pinner, London, HA5 3EP</p>	<p>Booking Link: Click Here</p>
<p>10th July 3.30pm to 5.00pm</p>	<p>Primary: Getting to know the RED – Overview & Theology for Branch 1 for Year 1</p> <p>Course Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the RED for Year 1 • Engaging explanation of the theology content of Creation & Covenant. Investigating the themes of these branches. • Exploring scripture and key theological vocabulary. • Opportunities to ask questions. <p>Target Audience: Year 1 Teachers</p>	<p>Booking Link Year 1 Online Course</p>

<p>10th July 3.30pm to 5.00pm</p>	<p>Primary: Getting to know the RED – Overview & Theology for Branch 1 for Year 2</p> <p>Course Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the RED for Year 1 • Engaging explanation of the theology content of Creation & Covenant. Investigating the themes of these branches. • Exploring scripture and key theological vocabulary. • Opportunities to ask questions. <p>Target Audience: Year 2 Teachers</p>	<p>Booking Link Year 2 Online Course</p>
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CCRS

Are you aspiring to Senior Leadership in a Catholic School?

Are you a teacher or teaching assistant, teaching RE, and need an introduction to theology to support your work? Are you a Governor in a Catholic School and want to develop your understanding of the Catholic Faith?

CCRS can help you to develop your knowledge of subjects covered in Religious Education and can also support your teaching in accordance with the RED. We are a supportive learning community for all participants.

New groups will commence in October 2024.

One group will run online, on a Monday, 4-6pm, for 5 x Mondays per module, followed by time to work on an assignment before starting the next module.

The other group will run online, on a Saturday, 9-12pm, for 3 x Saturdays per module, followed by time to work on an assignment before starting the next module.

Please get in touch by email if you are interested in joining either of the new groups in October, or if you would like to learn more about this certificated course.

Thank you to all the senior leaders who are supporting their staff to undertake this course.

Margaret Hanley, CCRS Co-ordinator, ccrs@rcdow.org.uk

Leadership and Governance Update

Leadership

The new CPD programme for the Autumn term is nearly ready and I would like to draw your attention to 2 courses of training in particular. The first of these is the [aspiring leaders](#) course. We have run this before and participants have commented on its emphasis on placing leadership in a Catholic context. It is designed to help those who have either just begun or who are hoping to begin in leadership and gives a good opportunity to work with colleagues from other schools and to share their experiences and expertise.

The second course is a new one for the new academic year. As many of our schools are facing declining numbers, we will be looking at the challenges facing [small schools](#) (1FE) and how to manage some of the issues which come from managing these situations. This course will run online over 3 weeks and is aimed at Heads, School business managers and Chairs of Governors. Even if your school is not yet being affected in this way, it may be useful to know how to pro-actively manage the situation should it arise in the future.

Details of how to book these courses along with costs will be in the CPD booklet.

Governors

Caritas are running their "[Love in Action](#)" awards again this year, and it may be that there is a member of your school or governing body who deserves their work to be recognised!

Nominations are open until the end of June, and there are five award categories to choose from:

1. School Social Action Award
2. Parish Social Action Award
3. Young Volunteer of the Year Award (for volunteers under the age of 25)
4. 'Ron Palmer' Lifetime Achievement Award (for people who have been volunteering for at least 10 years)
5. St Thérèse of Lisieux Award (a new category, open to all volunteers in the diocese)
- 6.

To make a nomination, or for more information, please visit [Diocese of Westminster 'Love in Action' Volunteering Awards 2024](#).

As the end of the school year approaches, please take a moment to check the dates of appointment for your foundation governors. If any of these are coming to an end in August, please send in re-appointment documents as soon as possible to avoid vacancies in September. Governors are not normally re-appointed to the same school after completing 3 terms of office but can be appointed to a new school (where their experience would be very gratefully received).

Click Here: [Summer Term Governor CPD Programme](#)

Date/ Time	Online Courses	Booking
Tuesday 18 th June	<p>Governors Using CES Policies and Procedures Online Course</p> <p>Course Aim: The aim of this course is to familiarise Governors with CES policies and procedures.</p> <p>Course Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To examine policies for Grievances, Sickness absence, Capability and Disciplinary. • To help familiarise Governors with the procedures and practical arrangements for these. • To identify different scenarios to which these may apply. <p>Target Audience: All governors, but particularly chairs.</p>	<p>Booking Link: Click Here</p>
Tuesday 25 th June	<p>Governors - Safeguarding Online Course</p> <p>Course Aim: Schools have a statutory duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of all pupils. This course will cover essential information you need in order to understand your responsibilities.</p> <p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latest updates on Keeping Children Safe in Education. • Examples of monitoring for Safeguarding governors. • Updates on Ofsted. <p>Target Audience: All governors, but especially those responsible for child protection and safeguarding.</p>	<p>Booking Link: Click Here</p>

RE and Catholic Life Resources

Ordinary Time

Ordinary Time between Pentecost and Advent is the longest liturgical period in the Catholic Church. It begins the day after Pentecost, which celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit, and continues until the eve of the First Sunday of Advent, which marks the beginning of the liturgical year. The primary theme of this period is spiritual growth through reflection on the teachings and miracles of Jesus Christ as recounted in the Gospels.

During these weeks, the Church emphasises what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. We are encouraged to reflect on how we can incorporate the teachings of

Jesus into our daily lives, promoting a deeper commitment to living out the values of the Gospel. The readings and liturgies focus on various aspects of Jesus' ministry, including parables, healings, and interactions with his disciples and the broader community. This time is seen as an opportunity for spiritual growth, personal reflection, and community building, helping believers to strengthen their faith and prepare for the more intense liturgical seasons of Advent and Christmas. Through Ordinary Time, we are reminded of the continual presence of God in the ordinary and the call to witness to our faith in everyday circumstances.



Pope Francis Prayer Intentions: June – For Those Fleeing Their Own Countries

Let us pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys fraught with danger and violence, may they find welcome and new living opportunities in their host countries.

Prayer Intentions during Ordinary Time Day After Pentecost Until First Day of Advent (Based on the Liturgical Year)	Liturgical Colours
Deeper Understanding Between Christians and Jews	GREEN
Those Who Suffer Persecution Especially on St John Fisher and St Thomas More (22 nd June)	
Those Who Suffer Oppression Especially on St John Fisher and St Thomas More (22 nd June)	
Those Who Suffer Denial of Human Rights Especially on St John Fisher and St Thomas More (22 nd June)	
Europe Especially on the feasts of St Benedict (11 July), St Bridget of Sweden (23 July), St Catherine of Siena (29 April)	
Human Life Especially on the day for Life (3 rd Sunday in June)	

Liturgical Year	Sundays in May
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - St Anthony of Padua (13th June) - St Aloysius (21st June) - Ss John Fisher and Thomas More (22nd June) - St John the Baptist (24th June) - St John Southworth (27th June) - Ss Peter and Paul (29th June) - Sacred Heart of Jesus (19 days after Pentecost) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Most Holy Trinity (Trinity Sunday is the Week after Pentecost and the week before Corpus Christi) - Corpus Christi - Ordinary Time

National and International Days	Other Religions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - World Day Against Child Labour (12th June) - Father's Day (16th June) - World day to Combat Desertification and Drought (17th June) - World Refugee Day (20th June) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Martyrdom of Guru Arjan (Sikh 16th)

Other religions/worldviews: For a brief overview of each of other faith festivals see [HERE](#).

Rooted in Love

The Caritas website has been updated and new resources added! Check the website to find out more about the Rooted in Love Logo. Teachers notes have also been updated with an explanation of the Logo as well.

Also each theme now has a poster linked to the theme which can be found in the respective theme folder. So please check it all out [here](#)!

The Year of Prayer - 2024

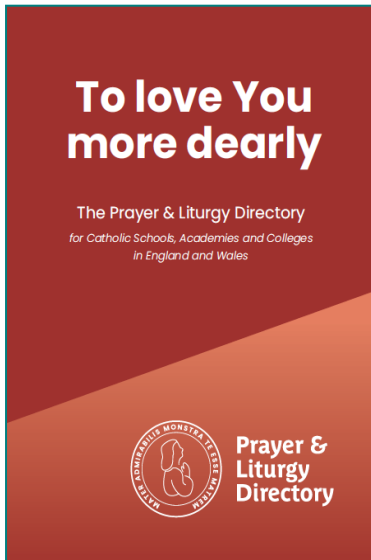


In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope', 2024 has been designated a Year of Prayer by Pope Francis. There is a particular focus on the Lord's Prayer (Our Father) this year, and this presents us with a great opportunity to reinvigorate the centrality of prayer within our schools. We have produced primary and secondary resources to support schools with the Year of Prayer. These have been emailed to all schools.

For CAFOD Year of Prayer materials click [HERE](#)

For Jesuit Year of Prayer materials click [HERE](#)

Prayer and Liturgy Directory Updates



The Prayer and Liturgy Directory was launched in October 2023. It is an important and informative document which aims to enhance the excellent practices that already exists for Prayer and Liturgy within our schools and across the diocese. Please click [HERE](#) for the Prayer and Liturgy Directory. It includes a **model policy (p69)** as well as **progression of prayers (p72)** at the back of this document.

To support our schools, the Education Service provided training on understanding the Prayer and Liturgy Directory in December and May to support schools with the implementing the Directory.

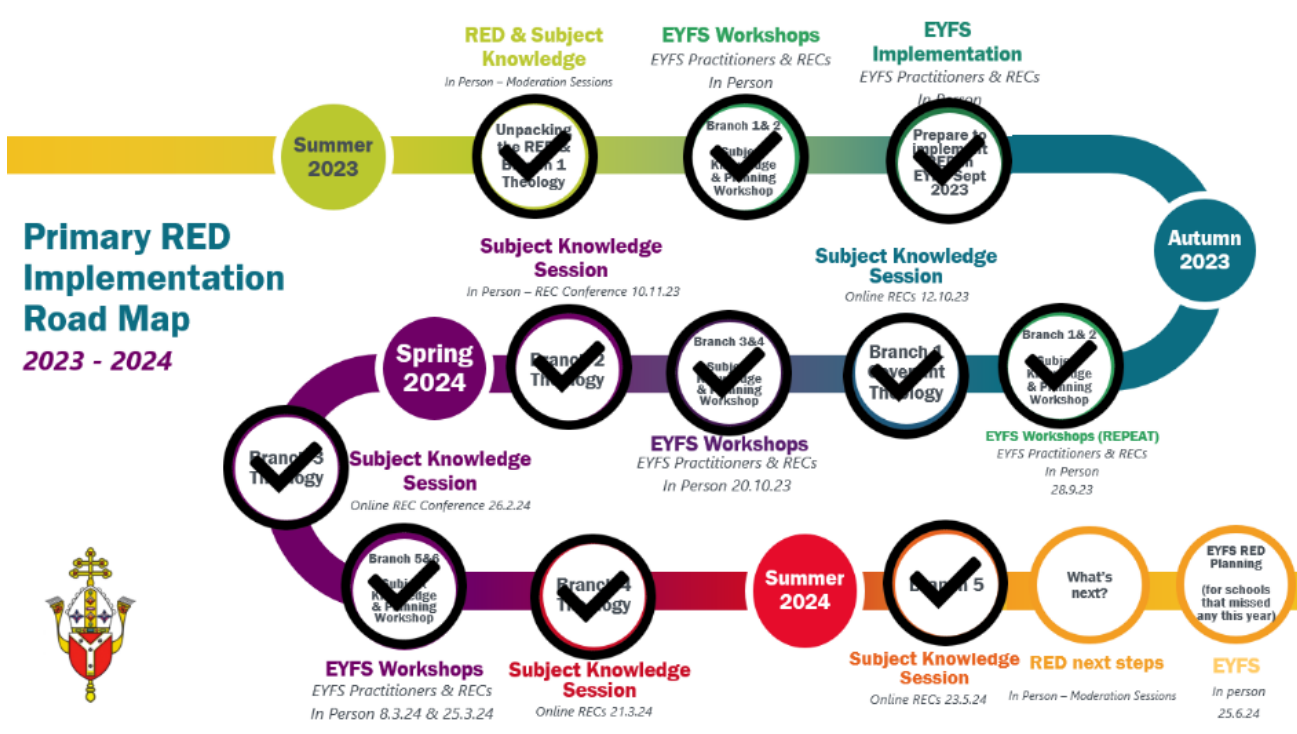
Resources from this day can be found on the Prayer and Liturgy Sharepoint Hub. Please contact Amanda Crowley amandacrowley@rcdow.org.uk if you need access to the hub.

The resources provided included these three documents, with a fourth to follow next term:



Each document contains an Appendix with useful planning sheets. Please refer to, and use, these documents when planning Mass and Celebrations of the Word.

Primary RED Implementation



The 2023-24 RED roadmap is almost complete and at the forthcoming moderation sessions, an updated roadmap for 2024-25. This will include the plans for continued support for EYFS implementation as well as subject knowledge and planning workshops for Year 1 and Year 2 across the year. Please ensure you attend one of the Moderation & RED update sessions.

Moderation & RED Update	In Person (Jesuit Centre)	13.06.24	https://courses.rcdow.org.uk/event/13th-june-primary-diocesan-moderation-day/
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Moderation & RED Update	In Person (Niland Centre)	27.06.24	https://courses.rcdow.org.uk/event/27th-june-primary-diocesan-moderation-day/
EYFS RED Planning Workshop (for schools who missed any or all of the previous sessions)	In Person	25.06.24	https://courses.rcdow.org.uk/event/25th-june-primary-eyfs-workshop-for-new-red/
Year 1 & Year 2 RED Branch 1 (Creation & Covenant) Overview and Subject Knowledge	Online Twilight	10.7.24	Booking Link for Year 1 Booking Link for Year 2

EYFS Materials

The EYFS materials for each branch are now on the DOWES Hub (sharepoint site). Primary Heads and RECs should already have received their invitation to access the site. If not, please can they contact amandacrowley@rcdow.org.uk to request a link.

Heads of RE conference

We are also taking bookings for the Summer Heads of RE conference that take place on 27th and 28th June. The full programme will follow but we will focus on continuing to support schools with the implementation of the RED with a focus on year 8, opportunities to share good practice and time for prayer and reflection. So that your school can remain up to date and benefit from the opportunity to network, please ensure your Head of RE can attend, or if that is not possible, a suitable member of staff deputises. The booking link is [HERE](#).



Pearson Religious Education ELC

In recent months, the CES has worked with Pearson as they developed the Edexcel Entry Level Certificate Religious Studies. We are now pleased to confirm that the qualification complies with the Bishops of England and Wales requirements.

You can access the specification [here](#).

The specification is an ELC, so it will not lead to a GCSE qualification but may offer an accessible qualification for some students, where deemed appropriate

For more details on how this might be used in your school please contact your adviser.

St Mary's University Essay Competition

St Mary's have launched their Year 12 Theology Essay competition. The essay title will be 'Evaluate the significance of Mary's role in the work of redemption'. First prize is £250 and the deadline is Friday 12th July. More details can be found at [The St Mary's Theology Essay Competition 2024 \(stmarys.ac.uk\)](https://stmarys.ac.uk)



St Mary's
University
Twickenham
London

The Jerusalem Trust's Small Grants to Schools Scheme

The Jerusalem Trust's Small Grants to Schools Scheme supports the teaching of Christianity within Religious Education. The scheme operates by providing schools with grants of up to £600 to purchase resources for use in RE lessons. The scheme is open to state funded schools in England and Wales, with 40% awarded to secondary schools and 60% to primary schools. Grant availability during the school term, for both sectors, is notified on the website Home page.

For more information please go onto the website [here](#).

RE Hubs

RE Hubs is a one-stop shop for teachers and professionals of RE/RVE/R&W to find high-quality resources and support in your local area. The RE Hubs project is dedicated to supporting Religious Education teachers and practitioners in the UK. Their mission is to connect those who can provide resources with those who need them. They aim to create a neutral platform that brings all stakeholders together, filling the knowledge gap and equipping everyone within the RE ecosystem.



Visit their site at [Explore RE in your area \(re-hubs.uk\)](https://re-hubs.uk) for more details.

The God Who Speaks

Scripture for June: John 6:51

*"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever.
And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."*

Our June focus is on Scripture and Churches is [here](#) -
 Where heaven meets earth by Josephine Warren is [here](#)
 On Holy Ground by Josephine Warren is [here](#)
 Video of the Living Stones Project by Riccardo Caravello in Sicily is [here](#)
 Key Catholic symbols and their meanings is [here](#)
 Poster of the Bible Alive inside our Churches is [here](#)

June Sunday Reflections are [here](#)

Fairtrade

*'Things have a price and can be for sale,
but people have a dignity that is priceless and worth far more than things.'*



Pope Francis

Fairtrade Beauty and Wellness

There is a growing range of Fairtrade beauty and wellness products available on the high street, as well as online.

By choosing beauty and wellness products with the Fairtrade Mark, you can support farmers and workers to access better prices and the Fairtrade Premium to invest in their communities, businesses and environment.

Fairtrade Shea Competition

Who can enter the competition: Key stage 1 – 3

How to enter:

- Use [The story of Fairtrade shea butter – Fairtrade Schools](#) to find out more about shea butter
- Design a Fairtrade shea butter beauty product.
- Send your design by email as a PDF/JPEG to schools@fairtrade.org.uk by **Friday 23rd June 2023**.



CAFOD have developed an excellent set of General Election resources for use in schools. These are particularly aimed at Sixth Formers, although they are suitable for Year 9s and above, and could be used in form time or during a PSHE or Citizenship lesson.

There is also a General Election workshop for primary schools.

You can find the resources for both Primary and Secondary schools [here](#).

These resources will help young people engage meaningfully in the political process over the next few weeks.

Together for the Common Good Podcast Launched

Together for the Common Good have launched a new podcast series exploring the common good as a catalyst to spiritual and civic



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renewal. Speakers, ranging from Lord Glasman to Sr Helen Alford, draw on the tradition of Catholic Social Teaching to show in practical ways how common good thinking opens up pathways to hope. These talks address the big questions of our time - economy, work, nature, social peace, civic life, what it means to be human - and much more. You can find the Together for the Common Good Podcast on [Substack](#), [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), or wherever you normally listen to your podcasts. All are free to download, and are offered in this General Election year as a stimulus for reflection and conversation. Find out more [here](#).

Historical Evening

7-9pm on Wednesday 26 June 2024, £10 per ticket

Sacred Heart High School, 212 Hammersmith Road London W6 7DG

THE NUNNERY AT HAMMERSMITH

Please come and join us for a talk about the extraordinary history of our site on Hammersmith Road from 1669 to the present day. A tale that involves the Catholic wives of Protest Kings supporting a clandestine convent at a time when it was illegal to be Catholic.

Links from the Gunpowder Plot to the Reign of Terror during the French Revolution; and to the extraordinary fortitude of the nuns who lived and worked here with occasional spells in gaol, the threat of execution and even an armed raid by militia.

Come and listen to what happened here with drinks afterwards and an opportunity to wander through our chapel, the cloisters and cloister garden, the reception room (with historical artefacts on display) and our front lawn, from which you can see evidence of the Benedictine memorial stones.

**We are keen to share this story with local residents and interest groups
as much as with our school community.**



Tickets can be purchased via [Eventbrite](#)

Any queries to Alex Dijkhuis

comms@sacredh.lbhf.sch.uk / 0208 748 7600 x219

*Ticket sales from this event are being used to contribute towards
our Cloister Painting Restoration Fund*

 Sacred Heart High School



**13TH – 15TH SEPTEMBER
2024**

“What We Have Seen and Heard in Heaven”

**A weekend retreat
on Christian creativity**

Join us as

FR DOMINIC WHITE OP and
DR JOEY BELLEZA lead a special,
intensive retreat on faith, art, and
Catholic culture.

Over the weekend, you will
explore music, dance, poetry, and
visual art, while delving into key
theological foundations for a proper
understanding of the arts and their
place in Christian life.

The Ascension of Christ. A watercolor study for a stained glass window by Sir Edward Burne-Jones, c.1875-84. London, National Gallery. Bequest of Harry G. Sperling, 1971.

COST

Single room, full board:
£210 p.p.

Twin room (sharing), full board:
£150 p.p.

Non-residential (lunch & dinner):
£90

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01254 827329



Summer taster of university: A Residential Summer School at Chester University.

Applications are still open for students for 'Taste of University', residential Summer School, where participants can experience university life for themselves at Chester university.

When: 9th-12th July 2024

Where: Exton Park Campus, Parkgate Road, Chester, CH1 4BJ

Who: Year 12 and First Year college students, aged 16-19

How: Apply via this link [here](#)

There is no cost attached to this event. Students can apply now and will have their place confirmed within a few weeks of application. We are encouraging students to apply as soon as possible.

Who is Taste of University for?

It is designed specifically for those in Year 12, or studying the first year of a Level 3 qualification in college. They support students as they find out about the opportunities available at university, how to find and apply for them too.

Across three days and nights in accommodation, participants will meet current students and lecturers, explore campus life, and have the chance to ask expert advisers any questions they might have. Most importantly, they'll have a great time too.

What happens at Taste of University?

Taste of University will give students the opportunity to find out everything they need to help with making decisions about their next steps. They will be able to:

- Experience the facilities and life on campus
- Explore support and extra-curricular opportunities
- Expand knowledge of UCAS applications, Student Finance, and Academic Skills
- Develop confidence and independence skills
- Meet current students, and ask questions

Taste of University: What Students Need To Know

Taste of University will run on Exton Park Campus in Chester from 9-12th July 2024. All meals, accommodation and activities are free of charge, however [applying for a place is essential](#). All students in Year 12 are welcome to Taste of University. If the event is over-subscribed, priority will be given to students who are from groups currently under-represented at university under the following criteria:

- Are Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic background
- Are Living in [Low Participation Neighbourhoods](#), particularly young, white males
- Have a disability or specific learning difference
- Have experience of local authority care

Please note: The University of Chester has a [Travel Bursary Scheme](#) which students may wish to use to attend Taste of University. Full details and eligibility criteria are available from the link provided.

Racial Justice, Equality and Diversity Update



RJED CPD

The online RJED CPD programme continues to run each half term, tailored to a different group of teachers within our school communities. Comments from the last session with Aisha Thomas included:

“Inspiring, thought provoking, awoke me to the importance of really understanding the impact of race.”

“Best talk I have ever been to about racial justice in schools.”

“I was hooked on every word, made me reconsider what I thought I knew.”

Our next session is **for all classroom teachers** and will take place online on the 24th June and focuses on unconscious bias and making classrooms anti-racist. Please do book using this link: [HERE](#)

RJED Coordinators

Huge thank you to all the schools who have let us know who their RJED Coordinator is. If you have not yet please email claireoneill@rcdow.org.uk to let us know. Here is the next meetings:

- RJED Update and Sharing Forum 3/3 - Embedding Policies, Procedures and Approaches
5th June 3.45-5pm Online

Racial Justice Sunday (RJS)

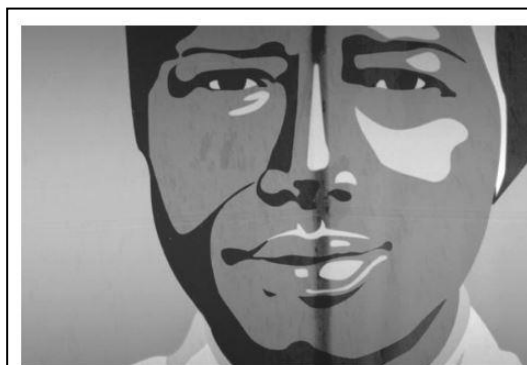
The theme for RJS is: seeing one another in the life of the Church. This theme is relevant for the whole year and the bishops of England and Wales are encouraging all schools and parishes to celebrate the diversity of those who have led holy and exemplary lives. Our Catholic saints walked in this world as we do and were men and women of heroic virtue that can intercede for us to bring our prayers to the Lord. Here are some resources to support this:

See resources for primary and secondary schools: [HERE](#)

[The importance of racial justice and why we work for it -](#)

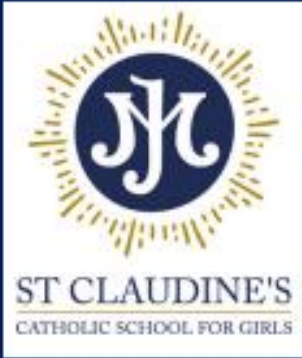
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Saints of Colour

We celebrate the many saints of colour in the Catholic Church who have inspired the faithful in their devotions.



A Conference for Schools

Reckoning with Race

Anti-racism in schools: *pain, perspectives, and possibilities*



Keynote speaker

Jeffrey Boakye



Keynote speaker:

Annie Tagoe



Keynote speaker:

Jahnine Davis



Early Bird Discount!
First 50 tickets at £49

Friday 5th July 2024

**Venue: St. Claudine's Catholic School for Girls
Crownhill Road, London NW10 4EP**

Cost: £75 (£50 concessions; £25 student) Tickets available via [Eventbrite](#)

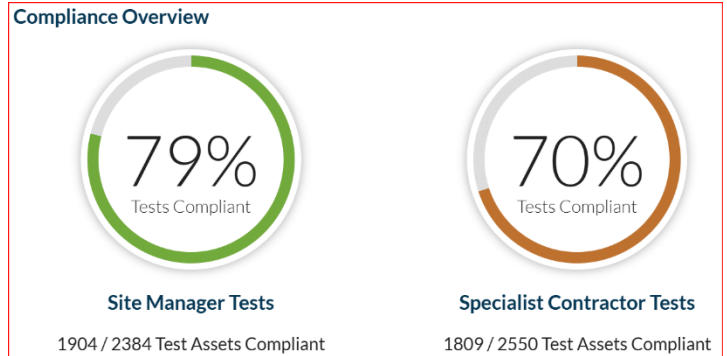
For more information please contact
researchschool@stclaudines.co.uk

Capital and PPP Update

Statlog

School Leaders and Governors/Directors are reminded that the performance targets for Statutory Compliance are:

- Site Manager Tests – 92% or more
- Specialist Contractor Tests – 85% or more

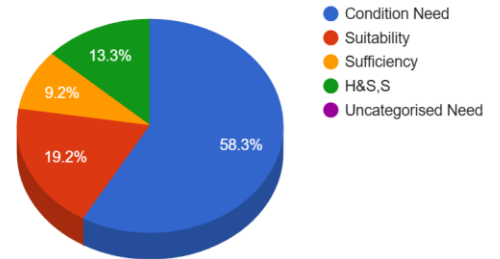


We are pleased to report that the current figures are an improvement on those last reported and, with sustained vigilance from those with strategic site responsibilities, the above targets can be attained.

Capital Asset Need

Condition Need	£164,474,784
Suitability	£54,092,948
Sufficiency	£26,004,001
Health, Safety & Safeguarding	£37,479,103

Includes data from 172 completed surveys. 0 surveys are in progress.



Total Need: £282,050,836.09

Thank you to everyone using Statlog. Focused Online Training and Development sessions are available. Please contact nigelspears@rcdow.org.uk to schedule a session for 1 or more members of your team.

Diocesan School Regeneration Programme

St Mary of the Angels, St Joseph’s Maida Vale, and St Anne’s Enfield: Diocesan Property and others are working with Hills and 1st Planner to develop a process for communicating our “Employers Requirements” to potential developers.

Nicholas Breakspear: The Board of DoWAT has resolved to proceed with the disposal of part of this site and create a new school for the staff and students of this Outstanding Catholic Academy. DoWAT is in the process of retaining legal counsel to ensure all legal matters are properly managed.

VASCA

The Capital Spend Survey for the 2023/2024 financial year has been submitted to the DfE. In the VA sector, the reported investment is £7,420,211.26. The Diocese, as a Responsible Body, must report on all projects reaching Practical Com

Caritas Update

Diocese of Westminster 'Love in Action' Volunteering Awards 2024

This year we are inviting nominations in five categories:

1. School Social Action
2. Parish Social Action
3. Young Volunteer of the Year
4. St Therese of Lisieux Award (*new "open" category*)
5. Ron Palmer Award for Lifetime Achievement

[Who will you choose? Click here for details and the nomination form.](#)



The aim of these awards is to recognise the incredible work of volunteers across Westminster diocese, individuals and teams, in parishes, schools, community groups and charities, working in visible roles in social action projects, or behind the scenes, week in week out in. Each one is valuable, but perhaps you know someone who deserves a little extra recognition?

Need a little inspiration? A blog post with all of last year's winners is here:

<https://caritaswestminster.org.uk/news/volunteers-win-awards-from-the-diocese-of-westminster/>

The deadline for nominations is 30th June and the awards ceremony will take place on 14th November at Westminster Cathedral Hall

For more information and the nomination form please visit the Caritas Westminster website [here](#) or contact Elke and Juliet at cvs@rcdow.org.uk

'Love The Stranger' School Resources

Refugee Week 2024 will take place from 17–23 June, with World Refugee Day held on 20 June. **Caritas Brentwood**, with support from **Clifton Diocese** and the **St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)**, has produced resources for Refugee Week to introduce the principles of Love The Stranger to schools. The resources include a PowerPoint presentation and 5 worksheets, one for each day of the week, designed to inform and facilitate discussion, as well as a document signposting other available resources and support. Resources are available for both primary and secondary schools.

Resources can be accessed [here](#)

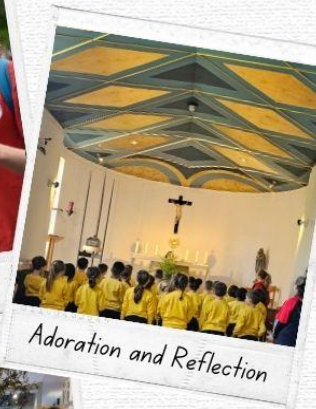
SPEC Update



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Team-Building



Adoration and Reflection



Shared Meal

...most importantly, a chance for your school staff to come together to have a Spiritual and Personal Encounter with Christ, focusing on their mission as staff of a Catholic School, to re-discover that God is with them every step of the way!



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