

Director's Letter – 'Leading Flourishing School Communities'

Goal 8: Nurturing Education:

Together to improve the standards and develop the Christian distinctiveness of our church schools, wholeheartedly embracing our contribution to education across the diocese



**Guildford Diocese
Family of Schools**

Luke 10:2 He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the LORD of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.

18th October 2019

Dear Colleagues

The first half-term seems to have flown by and I know that many of you will be looking forward to the half-term break at the end of next week. A number of schools have held Harvest Festivals over the last few weeks and it is good to see such a positive response to this across our family of Church schools. This week's newsletter highlights a number of key events to mark in your diary and we hope to see you at one of these events.

Headteachers Away Day Thursday 21st November at Waverley Abbey House

Every year we invite Headteachers to come away from school and reflect on their own leadership and spiritual development as part of our Away Day. This year we are delighted that Alexandra Turner from The Children's Society who contributed to the 2019 Good Childhood Report will be joining us to help us to think about educating for dignity. Bishop Jo will be with us to lead a session thinking about the Biblical character of Ruth and there will be plenty of time for personal reflection and networking. Once again we will be in the beautiful setting of Waverley Abbey House. There is the option to arrive in time for an evening meal on the Wednesday and spend a relaxed evening together before the Away Day on Thursday. Book on the [portal](#)

Diocesan Schools Leadership Conference 'Leading Flourishing School Communities' – Friday 12th June 2019

We are pleased to announce our three keynote speakers for our Schools Leadership Conference next June.

- Andy Buck - <https://www.leadershipmatters.org.uk>
- Jill Rowe – Oasis Ethos Director, Community Learning
- Stewart Henderson – [Poet, Songwriter & Broadcaster](#)

We are fortunate in securing these nationally renowned speakers to our conference and we would encourage you to attend with senior leaders, governors and clergy. Booking will open after half-term.

Diocesan Schools Safeguarding Audit

Last week we sent out the Safeguarding Audit tool as part of our safeguarding review of VA and VC schools in our diocese. Many schools in Surrey have responded to say that they are completing the Surrey County Council safeguarding return and would like to send a copy of this instead. This is fine however do please copy the evidence for the different areas and send this with your return. The deadline for your school's return is **Friday 25th October** which then allows time to review the returns and identify those schools who may need further support in the form of a half-day visit from Jenny Rowley, our School Safeguarding Adviser.

With best wishes

Mr Alex Tear
Diocesan Director of Education

News and Information

Christian Distinctiveness

Angel Awards for work with Young Carers

If your school is interested in developing support for Young carers or gaining recognition for the support you already have in place how about applying for the Angel Award? The young carers themselves do most of the assessment for the award. The diocesan carers advisor Clive Richardson is able to give help with your applications but only until the end of March 2020. If you are interested in finding out more contact him directly Clive.Richardson@cofeguildford.org.uk

Farmington Scholarships

Do consider if there is a teacher in your school who could benefit from this generously funded CPD opportunity. 30 days study with 30 days paid supply cover! If they would like to discuss a possible RE project, Jane Whittington is very happy to give support. The applications form are now available via the website here. www.farmington.ac.uk/index.php/farmington-scholarships
Close of application is 26th January 2020.

Key Stage One Eco Teams Day at Guildford Cathedral in March 20 is now fully booked with a waiting list. Thank you for your enthusiasm for this day.

Healthy You Healthy Schools Friday 15th November 2019 Waverley Abbey House, Farnham, 11am-5pm, £60 including hot lunch

A day for Headteachers and SLT organised by our former DDE Derek Holbird. The emphasis will be on the well-being needs of students.

Speakers are Tim Morfin, Founder and CEO of Transforming Lives for Good.(TLG)
Kathryn Lovewell, author of Every Teacher Matters.

Philippa Rowe an expert in the whole area of Attachment theory and practice.

Catherine Clayton, a core team member of Prayer Spaces for Schools.

More information and booking go to www.cwr.org.uk/healthyyouhealthyschool

Relationships and Sex Education from 2020

We are running a repeat of our **Briefing session for clergy on the new RSE guidance** on 5th November 12.30-14.00. You may wish to encourage your vicar to sign up for a free place.

<https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/whats-on/events/detail/rse-briefing-for-clergy---5th-november-2019>

We are running a **Briefing session for governors on the new RSE guidance** on Thursday 5th December 18.00-20.00 or Tuesday 10th December 14.00 – 16.00. Book on the portal.

<https://gdbeonline.org/courses>

Remembrance

There are ideas for Remembrance on our website.

www.cofeguildford.org.uk/education/christian-distinctiveness/remembrance

These include prayer stations, materials to think about refugees and some more general links to ideas for collective worship and acts of remembrance for both primary and secondary pupils.

Education Services and Support 2019-20 <https://qdbeonline.org/courses>

Next Tuesday, 22nd October, the second Peer-to-Peer Networks Project Launch day is taking place led by Emily Norman, Foundation for Educational Research. Three further sessions led by schools themselves, sharing good practice and discussing developments will follow the initial launch days.

There will then be a final plenary session at the end of the year again facilitated by the Foundation.

The thoughts, insight and contributions from colleagues who attended this week are highly valued. Please do not miss the opportunity for your peers to hear your voice! Do let us know if you wish participate in the longer term just in case you are unable to attend next week.

Peer to Peer - **Staff and Pupil Wellbeing Focus Group Launch AM session**

Book online schools portal <https://gdbeonline.org/course/232> - 9.00am - 12.00pm

Peer to Peer - **Character Development Focus Group Launch PM session**

Book online schools portal <https://gdbeonline.org/course/233> - 1.30pm - 4.30pm

School Business Leaders, Managers and Bursars | Network Guest Speaker, November 2020

Chris Jones is a leading proponent of Integrated curriculum and financial planning (ICFP) for over 10 years and is currently working alongside the DfE to develop the impact of ICFP nationally.

Chris is delivering a series of ICFP Masterclasses with Confederation of School Trusts (CST) in the autumn and spring terms and has taken some time out of his schedule to come and chat to us.

As our guest, this term, Chris will take a closer look **curriculum enhancement - very useful to school business professionals in developing the application of ICFP metrics.**

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/integrated-curriculum-and-financial-planning-icfp>

<https://isbl.org.uk/documents/130035.5998265ISBL%20Approach%20to%20ICFP%20v1.0%20Jul19.pdf>

<http://www.sec-ed.co.uk/best-practice/integrated-curriculum-financial-planning/>

CJ Learning Technologies is on the DfE's list of accredited Financial Advisors for Schools and are an approved DfE Financial Health Check provider. They work across the country supporting many schools and MATs in implementing ICFP and its impact on a consultancy basis.

You may be interested to read his article on a new narrative for school funding published by CST earlier this year:

<https://trust-journal.org.uk/2019/05/22/hatchet-or-scalpel-developing-a-different-narrative/>

Friday 29th November 2019, 11-1pm, Church House, Guildford – **free for EsLA Subscribers**

Book online schools portal <https://gdbeonline.org/course/215>

Middle Leadership INSET | 'Ofsted Emerging Picture' led by Jonathan Gambier | January 2020

As the new framework gathers speed and takes a 'deep dive' through curriculums, Jonathan will be offering this INSET for Middle Leaders. This day will look at how Middle Leaders can create positive learning approaches, prepare their school for challenging conversations around provision and secure strong outcomes for pupils - in all subjects.

INSET Programme – Registration

Morning Session 1 – Good practice on subject leader activity related to intent, Implementation and Impact.

Morning Session 2 - 'Developing Middle Leaders approaches to leadership across the curriculum'.

Break for Lunch - on-site Café available at venue

Afternoon Session 3 – The Ofsted Picture - Deeper dives and recent reflection and experiences from Ofsted Outstanding Practitioners and Providers.

Tuesday 28th January 2020, 9.30-16.00pm, Guildford Children's Centre and Nursery, Hazel Avenue

Book online schools portal <https://gdbeonline.org/course/219>

This INSET day is incredible value! The INSET price, now significantly reduced per school, is to encourage colleagues to attend. To keep costs at a minimum provision of a lunch is not included as part of the package. Although there is an on-site Café available at the centre.

Per school: ES LA Enhance: £52+VAT | Extend £54+VAT | CORE: £58 +VAT | Non EsLA £64+VAT

To ensure that we email the right people about the right things please keep your school portal account staff and governor contact information up-to-date and current.

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