

TERM 5 UPDATES

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WELCOME BACK



I took this photograph a few weeks ago, the Magnolia outside the Cathedral offering a resplendent reminder that Spring has finally arrived and warmer days are coming, and now here we are, the summer term is upon us once again! For some of you these might be your favourite terms of the year, for others very much the opposite. Wherever you fall on that spectrum I pray that you will find many moments of joy in the days ahead and that you are faced with as little unexpected challenge as possible. We thank you, as always, for all you do for your schools and their wider communities.

There have been updates to the RDBE website over the Easter break, details of the implications for RE leaders are outlined in the sidebar. There is also now a specific area for schools subscribing to the partnership agreement (we very much hope this will be all of the schools in the diocese), which will grow in content in the coming months to contain a wealth of resources and 'on demand' training. Once you have subscribed to the partnership agreement, an account will be created using the headteachers email address, you should then receive an automated email from 'juniper education' asking you to set up a password. Please bear with us, Louise is setting up these accounts and it will take her some time to get everyone up and running. If you haven't heard by the end of April, and you have subscribed to the partnership agreement, please get in touch.

Following several requests, a further SIAMS training date has been added this year, and I will also be running an 'Understanding Christianity' refresher for teachers and RE leaders. We are delighted that Elizabeth Olulari from the Church of Education team will be joining us at 'Heads and Chairs' on 17th May to talk about Racial Justice. We expect this to have a very different feel to previous heads and chairs, with a focus more on networking and discussion. We hope to see a high turnout of our school leaders, please book in advance by contacting Louise, so that we can ensure we have enough seats. I look forward to seeing you there.

TWO MINUTE UPDATES

SIAMS

The SIAMS list for next year has now been published and circulated to schools. Schools on this list have been contacted to arrange a support visit in terms 5 and 6.

Spirituality and Courageous Advocacy continue to be common themes for areas for development across the Diocese. Does your school have a shared understanding of Spirituality?

RE AND WORSHIP

The RDBE website (rdbe.org.uk) has been significantly updated over the Easter break. Whilst there is still a lot more to be done, you will hopefully find it an increasingly useful place for information and resources. Some areas of the website now require a password, a password will be issued to all RE leads, for the RE planning section. Please complete the [microsoft form](#) to confirm the name and email address of your RE leader and an account will be set up for them.

TRAINING

10.5.24: Spirituality; Going Deeper

17.5.24: Heads and Chairs Network

22.5.24: SIAMS Training; Understanding the framework and developing your Christian Vision.

7.6.24: New to Church School Headship

12.6.24: 'Understanding Christianity' update training

We can also offer commissioned support for bespoke training, supervision for DSLs and headteacher coaching. Please contact me for more information.