

TRAINING DIRECTORY 2025-2026

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Introduction

The Canterbury Diocesan Board of Education is engaged in ministry with children and young people across the Diocese whether in schools, parishes or households, focusing firmly on deepening relationships and nourishing those we support and walk alongside. In particular, we endeavour to engage closely with Church of England schools as they strive to provide a high-quality Christian education which enables every child and adult to flourish; providing first-rate professional advocacy, advice and support that represents excellent value for money.

In the ever-evolving educational landscape we delight in new connections and relationships and are pleased to share our new **training directory for 2025-26** to benefit all schools and collaborative networks within our diocesan boundaries.

Who is who?

Quentin Roper	Director of Education, Canterbury Diocese
Rebecca Swansbury	Deputy Director of Education, Canterbury Diocese
Natalie Ralph	Schools Officer (Christian Character), Canterbury Diocese
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Dan Turvey	Associate Consultant, Canterbury Diocese
Sarah Alexander	SIAMS Associate Consultant, Canterbury Diocese
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Ruth Parnell	Schools Adviser, Rochester Diocese
Ryan Parker	RE and Christian Ethos Adviser, St Albans Diocese

CYPE TEAM VISION

Children, Young People and Education

As a team, we are inspired and guided by the example Jesus set, when he and his disciples fed 5000 people. (John 6: 1- 14)



OUR VALUES

Gratitude Compassion
Generosity Service
Belonging
Mutuality (Ubuntu)

We seek to serve the 105 school communities of Canterbury Diocese, providing training, visits and pastoral, spiritual and practical support, enabling all to live the abundant life Jesus described in John 10:10.

OUR TRAINING OFFER

We value you, by designing training that is purposeful and time efficient.

We seek to bless our leaders and teachers by being hospitable and generous in terms of time, resources shared and provision of food and choice of venue.

Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." There was a nice carpet of green grass in this place. They sat down, about five thousand of them. Then Jesus took the bread and, having given thanks, gave it to those who were seated. He did the same with the fish. All ate as much as they wanted. Jesus went back up the mountain to be by himself.

John 6: 10-11 & 14



We try to listen to the needs of those we serve, by adapting and revising training sessions to reflect feedback and the needs of our schools.

We seek to provide spiritual and sacred spaces within our sessions and offer. Opportunities to root ourselves, find space to breathe and an invitation to connect with God.

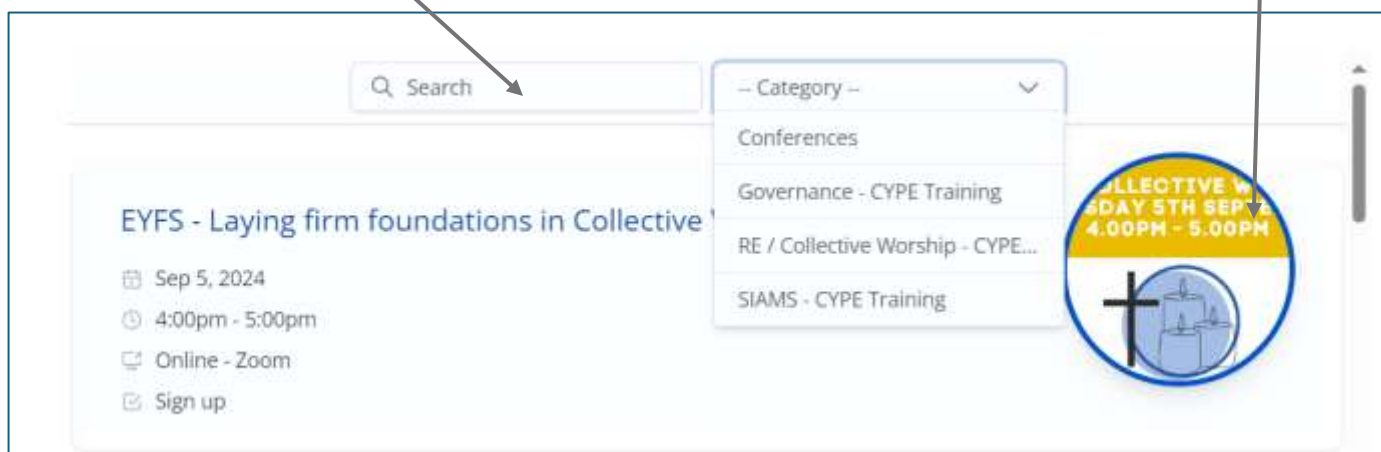
We offer a broad diet of training, that seeks to meet the diverse needs of each school. Our training and events are open to all, 'take and eat' as much as you need.

How to book on courses

Within the Directory online: Within each training session box there is a button that says: **Book here**. When you click on this it will take you to our booking platform 'ChurchSuite'. Scroll down and complete the sign-up page to book a place on the training session.

Canterbury Diocese website: Each training session is listed on our **website** page. Click on the image to be taken to the sign-up page on our booking platform 'ChurchSuite'.

You can also use the search function to filter courses to find the session you are looking for.

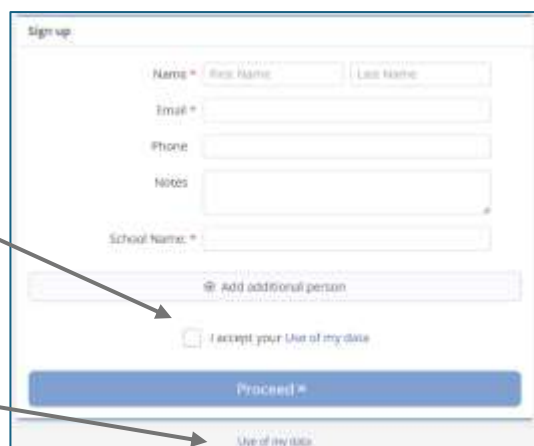


The screenshot shows the ChurchSuite booking platform interface. At the top, there is a search bar with a magnifying glass icon and the word 'Search'. Below the search bar, there is a dropdown menu for 'Category' with a downward arrow. The dropdown menu is open, showing several options: 'Conferences', 'Governance - CYPE Training', 'RE / Collective Worship - CYPE...', and 'SIAMS - CYPE Training'. To the right of the dropdown menu, there is a circular badge with a cross and candles, containing the text 'COLLECTIVE W', 'DAY 5TH SEP', and '4.00PM - 5.00PM'. Below the search bar and category dropdown, there is a course listing for 'EYFS - Laying firm foundations in Collective'. The listing includes the date 'Sep 5, 2024', the time '4:00pm - 5:00pm', the location 'Online - Zoom', and a 'Sign up' button. An arrow points from the 'Search' text to the search bar, and another arrow points from the 'Book here' button in the course listing to the 'Sign up' button.

Please complete the sign-up (booking form) in the name of the member of staff attending. This is to ensure they receive all the necessary information about the course, venue, time and zoom link if required.

Click 'I accept your Use of my data' then proceed.

You can find our data protection policy and information by clicking on the hyperlink, 'Use of my data'.



The screenshot shows the ChurchSuite sign-up form. The form has a title 'Sign up' at the top. It contains several input fields: 'Name' (with sub-fields for 'First Name' and 'Last Name'), 'Email', 'Phone', 'Notes', and 'School Name'. Below these fields, there is a button labeled 'Add additional person'. At the bottom of the form, there is a checkbox labeled 'I accept your Use of my data' and a blue button labeled 'Proceed'. An arrow points from the text 'Click 'I accept your Use of my data' then proceed.' to the checkbox. Another arrow points from the text 'You can find our data protection policy and information by clicking on the hyperlink, 'Use of my data'.' to the 'Use of my data' link at the bottom of the form.

Where payment is required, you will be asked to pay via the secure online checkout within ChurchSuite at the point of booking. If you have access to a school credit card, we encourage you to pay in this way. However, we can send the school an invoice for training if that is preferred. Please note that all prices exclude VAT; invoices will be sent in the name of our trading company, 'Ethos School Improvement Limited'.

Booking and non-attendance

Booking is essential for all courses. This allows us to prepare appropriately for all those booked on to the course.

Participants are asked to give at least 48 hours' notice if they need to cancel their place, especially if lunch is being provided. **All** 'no-shows' incur a charge to cover associated costs.

Bespoke training

In addition to this core offer, bespoke training is also available, for which there is likely to be a supplementary charge. Please contact [Rebecca Swansbury](#) or [Natalie Ralph](#) to discuss your training needs on:

- Discerning your distinctive Christian vision and associated values
- Collective Worship, Spiritual development, wellbeing for school leaders, School Effectiveness, Character Education
- Distinctive Governance, senior leadership development including NPQH coaching and supervision
- Effective RE teaching, curriculum and assessment.

GDPR:

The information entered onto our booking forms will be used and stored solely for the purposes of your booking and for recording your attendance. If you want to know how we use your data and who we might share it with, please [click here to read our privacy policy](#), or call 01227 459401 to request a copy.



‘ALL’

A SCHOOL CULTURE WHERE ALL BELONG

**Children, Young People and Education
Team**

Leaders’ Conference

Thursday 16th October 2025

9.30 – 3.30

Godmersham Village Hall



**For Senior Leaders,
Clergy and Governors**

**Characteristics of an
effective Church of
England school in
Canterbury Diocese**

**Church of
England
‘Flourishing for
All’ document**

**Religious
Education**

**For in him, ALL things in Heaven
and Earth were created.
Colossians 1: 15**



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HEADTEACHER RETREAT

Thursday 26th 1.30pm to
Friday 27th 3.00pm
March 2026

Ashburnham Place
Battle, East Sussex
TN33 9NF

£160

Limited places available
Book your place by
30th September 2025

CONNECTION - TIME TO BREATHE
SPIRITUAL SPACE - LAUGHTER - REST

Leadership

ALL – Leadership Conference

Audience: Headteacher, Senior Leaders, Governors, Clergy

Format: In person

Time: 9.30am – 3.30pm

Led by: Quentin Roper / Natalie Ralph / Rebecca Swansbury



Term 1

Thursday 16th
October 2025

Godmersham and
Crundale Village
Hall, CT4 7DR

[Book here](#)

Headteacher Retreat

Audience: Headteachers

Format: In person

Time: Thursday 26th March 1.30pm – Friday 27th March 3.00pm

Led by: Quentin Roper / Natalie Ralph / Rebecca Swansbury

Cost: £160 per person



Term 4

Thursday 26th
March 2026

Ashburnham
Place, Battle, East
Sussex.

[Book here](#)

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Preparing for SIAMS Inspection		
<p>This session is to support school leaders in preparing for their SIAMS inspection.</p> <p>BY INVITATION - For schools likely to be on the 26/27 SIAMS list</p> <p>The session will include input on and exploration of the new SIAMS Framework and what this might look like in each school context.</p> <p>There will also be an opportunity to ask questions about the inspection preparation and process.</p> <p>→ This training works best when a small team from your school attends and works through the material together. This could include the headteacher, SLT members, governor representation and any clergy from your school. (Maximum 4 per school)</p> <p>Audience: Headteacher, Senior Leaders, Governors, Clergy</p> <p>Format: In person</p> <p>Time: 9.30am – 3.30pm</p> <p>Led by: Natalie Ralph / Rebecca Swansbury</p>	<p>Term 2</p>	<p>Thursday 27th November 2025</p> <p>Godmersham and Crundale Village Hall, CT4 7DR</p>

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Leadership – SENCOs

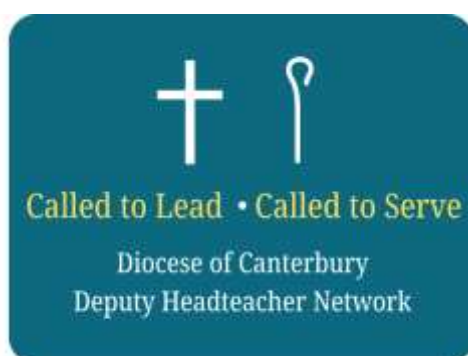
SENDco HELP! Conferences		
<p>A network for SENCOs facilitated by the Canterbury Diocesan Board of Education, led by national experts in SEND.</p> <p>These conferences aim to bring SENCOs together to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - offer support to one another - provide inspiring CPD input from experts in SEND - provide networking opportunities - share best practice in supporting our most vulnerable pupils <p>Join us for this practical and supportive day for SENCOs in schools across Canterbury Diocese.</p> <p>Audience: SENCOs Format: In person Time: 9.30am – 3.30pm Cost: £15 per person, per conference</p>	Term 1	<p>Wednesday 1st October 2025</p> <p>Venue: Godmersham and Crundale Village Hall, CT4 5DR</p> <p>Book here</p>
	Term 4	<p>Tuesday 3rd March 2026</p> <p>Venue: Petham Village Hall, CT4 5RD</p> <p>Book here</p>

SENDco HELP! Network sessions		
<p>A network for SENCOs facilitated by the Canterbury Diocesan Board of Education, led by leaders from across the Diocese.</p> <p>Our Network aims to bring SENCOs together to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - offer support to one another - provide inspiring CPD input from experts in SEND - provide networking opportunities - share best practice in supporting our most vulnerable pupils <p>Audience: SENCOs Format: Online Time: 1.30pm – 3.30pm Led by: Cassie Young (Inclusion Executive Officer, Our Community MAT) and Rebecca Swansbury</p>	Term 2	<p>Tuesday 25th November 2025</p> <p>Book here</p>
	Term 6	<p>Tuesday 16th June 2026</p> <p>Book here</p>



Leadership – Deputy Headteachers

Deputy Headteacher Network Called to Serve : Called to Lead - COHORT 2		
<p>Audience: Deputy Headteachers (or equivalent)</p> <p>Format: In person</p> <p>Time: 9.30am – 3.30pm</p> <p>Led by: Rebecca Swansbury and Kath Barham</p> <p>Venue: Godmersham Village Hall Canterbury Road, Godmersham, Canterbury, CT4 7DR</p> <p>Bring your own packed lunch and if possible, reusable hot drinks cup.</p> <p>Aims of the network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop connections with other leaders • Grow in your leadership style • Understand the role of leaders who lead a Church of England School • Embrace the unique role of the Deputy • Find encouragement and blessing • Time to think, reflect and ponder <p>Book your place – You only need to book once, as there is an expectation you attend all 3 days.</p>	<p>Day 1 (Term 4)</p>	<p>26th February 2026</p> <p>Exploring school culture and staff behaviours</p>
	<p>Day 2 (Term 6)</p>	<p>18th June 2026</p> <p>Courageous conversations; Effective Church School</p>
	<p>Day 3 (Term 2)</p>	<p>26th November 2026</p> <p>Appraisal and Supervision</p>



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Governance

Induction training – New Governors in Church of England Schools

This session is **essential** for all governors who are new to governing bodies in Church of England schools. We will explore what effective governance looks like in a Church of England school context.

This is the same session repeated across the academic year.

Audience: ALL New Governors

Format: Live Zoom

Time: 6.00pm – 7.30pm

Led by: Rebecca Swansbury

Term 1

13th October 2025

[Book here](#)

Term 3

26th January 2026

[Book here](#)

Term 5

11th May 2026

[Book here](#)

Supporting Governors with the SIAMS framework

This session is for all governors. We will explore the expectations of the SIAMS framework from the point of view of a governor in a Church of England school context.

Audience: ALL Governors

Format: Live Zoom

Time: 6.00pm – 7.30pm

Led by: Rebecca Swansbury

Term 2

8th December 2025

[Book here](#)

Term 6

1st June 2026

[Book here](#)

Governance – Effective monitoring and asking the ‘right’ questions

This session is for all governors. We will explore what effective monitoring looks like and support one another in considering what the ‘right’ questions are to ask as governors. We will also explore how governors can answer the question ‘how effective is your school as a Church of England school?’

Audience: ALL Governors

Format: Live Zoom

Time: 6.00pm – 7.30pm

Led by: Rebecca Swansbury

Term 3

12th January 2026

[Book here](#)

Term 6

9th July 2026

[Book here](#)



GOVERNANCE



GET ON BOARD : EMPOWERING GOVERNORS

A Development Programme for Church of England School Governing Boards



SESSION 1

Getting the foundations right ...

- Who are we as a Church of England School?
- Expectations of Governors in a Church of England school
- How does the Christian vision and character shape and drive the culture of the school? What is the role of governors in this?
- Being an effective governing body - how do we know?
- Audit of current reality, strengths and gaps
- Building strong positive relationship with school leader.
- Running an effective meeting

SESSION 2

Governance in a Voluntary Aided School ...

- Specific roles and responsibilities
- Land and buildings survey
- Finances

SESSION 6

Evaluate and Impact

- How effective are we as a governing body now?
- How do we know?
- What has been / is the impact of us on the flourishing of all?

SESSION 3

RE and Collective Worship : Governor responsibilities ...

- Legal responsibilities
- Monitoring and Evaluation- What are you looking for?
- What should you see?

SESSION 4

Effective Governor monitoring

What is the purpose?

- Monitoring against the school improvement plan
- Asking the right questions
- Carrying out effective school visits

SESSION 5

SIAMS readiness...

- Governor responsibilities
- How can governors support leaders before, during and afterwards?



Get on Board: Empowering Governors

Join with other governing bodies from across the Diocese in this year-long programme led by the CYPE team and Diocesan consultants.

Governing boards need to commit to attending all the in-person sessions together, and send representatives of the Board to the online sessions.

Aims of the programme:

- Empower governors to unapologetically embody their school's Christian vision as they serve and lead with confidence and integrity
- Strengthen governance practices to support effective leadership and decision-making
- Enhance monitoring and evaluation skills to ensure accountability and measurable impact
- Build strong relationships within the school and wider community to support collaborative governance
- Deepen understanding of roles and responsibilities within a Church of England context to uphold the school's Christian vision and values and ensure they have impact

There are limited spaces available

Audience: ALL Governors

Led by: Rebecca Swansbury, CYPE team and Diocesan consultants

Book your place – You only need to book once for each Governing Board



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LAYING FIRM FOUNDATIONS IN EYFS



Collective Worship

Wednesday 10th September
4-5pm

Religious Education

Wednesday 17th September
4-5pm

Come and be part of these sessions as we explore together and share practical ideas about how you can lay firm foundations in Collective Worship and RE.



EYFS – Laying firm foundations in Collective Worship		
<p>This session is aimed at those who work in a Reception classroom and/or have responsibility for EYFS in their school. Come and be part of this session as we explore how you can lay firm foundations in Collective Worship. We will share strategies and practical ideas to enhance your leadership and practice of CW in EYFS.</p> <p>Audience: EYFS teachers and leaders Format: Live Zoom Time: 4.00pm – 5.00pm Led by: Natalie Ralph</p>	<p>Term 1 Zoom</p>	<p>Wednesday 10th September 2025</p> <p>Book here</p>

EYFS – Laying firm foundations in RE		
<p>This session is aimed at those who work in a Reception classroom and/or have responsibility for EYFS in their school. Come and be part of this session as we explore how you can lay firm foundations in RE. We will share strategies and practical ideas to enhance your leadership and practice of RE in EYFS.</p> <p>Audience: EYFS teachers and leaders Format: Live Zoom Time: 4.00pm – 5.00pm Led by: Natalie Ralph</p>	<p>Term 1 Zoom</p>	<p>Wednesday 17th September 2025</p> <p>Book here</p>



CHRISTIANITY AS A GLOBAL WORLD FAITH

NEW

We are excited to be launching a new project in Canterbury Diocese, focused on ensuring the lived, diverse and global nature of Christianity is fully explored in our RE curriculum.

In its first year, we are looking to partner with EYFS teachers and their RE leader to journey together over the course of the next academic year to pilot the resources in Reception classrooms.

Before Session 1 Online Training	Complete online modules remotely Approximately 4 hours of training
Session 1 Initial Training In-person	Thursday 2 nd October / 9.30-3pm Godmersham Village Hall Planning for Incarnation
Session 2 Online Network	Tuesday 13 th January 2026 3.30-5pm Feedback and planning for Salvation
Session 3 Online Network	Thursday 23 rd April 2026 3.30-5pm Feedback and planning for Creation
Session 4 Online Network	Date TBC - Term 1 2026 3.30-5pm Feedback
Please note that there is an expectation for RE leaders and EYFS teachers to attend all of these sessions together.	

Course cost: FREE

For more information email **Natalie Ralph**
nralph@diocant.org

To book your school's place click [here](#)

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for Education**
Church of England & Church in Wales

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Religious Education


Christianity as a Global World Faith		
<p>We are excited to be launching a new RE project in our Diocese and are looking to partner with RE leaders and their EYFS teacher(s) to pilot new Global Christianity resources.</p> <p>Please read the information contained on the poster and if you would like to take part, please register your school's interest. Spaces are limited.</p> <p>TO REGISTER FOR A PLACE click here to complete the online form.</p> <p>Contact Natalie to discuss the programme further: nralph@diocant.org</p> <p>We will be letting schools know if they have a place on the course</p> <p>Audience: EYFS teachers and their RE Leaders Format: Online and in-person Led by: Natalie Ralph</p>	Before Session 1	Complete online modules remotely. Approximately 4 hours of training.
	Session 2 In-person	Thursday 2 nd October 2025 9.30am – 3.00pm Godmersham Village Hall
	Session 3 Online	Tuesday 13 th January 2026 3.30pm -5.00pm
	Session 4 Online	Thursday 23 rd April 2026 3.30pm – 5.00pm
	Session 5 Online	Date TBC – Term 1 2026 3.30pm – 5.00pm

Understanding Christianity		
<p>This session is for anyone who would like to explore the foundations of the Christian faith and understand some of the basic beliefs and values. This session is to enable colleagues to feel confident in upholding and contributing to the Christian character of their school. The session will include exploring 'The Big Frieze' artwork to help colleagues understand the big story of the Bible. Schools can send as many colleagues to this session as they need to.</p> <p>Audience: All staff members Format: In-person Venue: Seasalter Christian Centre, CT5 4AX Time: 1.30pm – 3.30pm Led by: Natalie Ralph</p>	Term 1	<p>Wednesday 8th October 2025</p> <p>Book here</p>

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Religious Education

Help! I'm the new RE Leader		
<p>This session is essential for all new RE leaders to explore the expectations and responsibilities of being an effective RE leader in a Church of England school. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and meet other leaders in a similar position to you. If you are relatively new to being the RE leader in school but have not attended this training, do join us.</p> <p>Audience: RE leaders new to the role Format: In person Venue: Seasalter Christian Centre, CT5 4AX Time: 9.30am – 3.30pm Led by: Natalie Ralph</p>	Term 1	<p>Wednesday 8th October 2025</p> <p>Book here</p>
	Term 6	<p>Online check in session (before RE Leaders Network meeting)</p> <p>Tuesday 9th June 2026 at 3.00pm</p> <p>Book here</p>

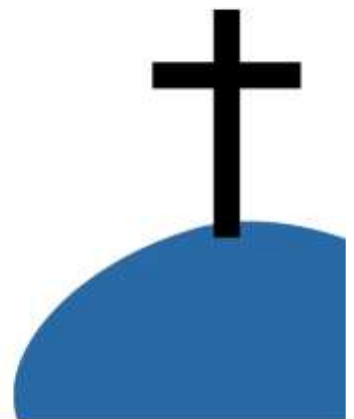
RE Leaders Network		
<p>It is so important to work alongside colleagues who share a similar role within school. Come and be part of these regular sessions to keep up to date with national issues and news in RE and to share practical ideas to enhance your leadership of RE in your school. This is the best way to stay up to date, hear key messages, explore new resources and connect with other RE leaders around the Diocese.</p> <p>Audience: RE Leaders Format: Live Zoom Time: 4.00pm – 5.30pm Led by: Natalie Ralph and Ruth Parnell</p> 	Term 2 Zoom	<p>Thursday 13th November 2025</p> <p>Book here</p>
	Term 4	<p>See you at the RE Conference!</p> <p>Friday 13th March 2026</p> <p>Book here</p>
	Term 6 Zoom	<p>Tuesday 9th June 2026</p> <p>Book here</p>

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RE CONFERENCE

FRIDAY 13TH MARCH 2026



9.30AM-3.00PM

Lenham Community Centre

**An in-person day for all RE Leaders across
Canterbury and Rochester Dioceses**

Religious Education

RE Leaders Conference		
<p>Following the success of last year's RE Conference and the feedback we received, we have decided to make this an annual occurrence! This is a great opportunity for RE leaders to gather to share good practice and ideas to revitalise their RE provision in school.</p> <p>Audience: RE Leaders Format: In person Time: 9.30am – 3.00pm Led by: Natalie Ralph and Ruth Parnell Cost: CSC £15 per person Non-CSC £100 per person</p>	Term 4	<p>Friday 13th March 2026</p> <p><u>Book here</u></p>
	<p>Venue: Lenham Community Centre, Groom Way, Lenham, Maidstone, Kent</p>	

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InspiREd is an online subject leader development program, which has a vision to inspire and enable those with responsibility for RE in being 'strategic, impactful and flourishing leaders'.

Leadership
Strategic
Research
Theological
Impact
Flourishing
Engagement
Incentive

Day 1	23rd January 2026
Day 2	27th March 2026
Day 3	24th April 2026
Day 4	25th September 2026
Day 5	27th November 2026



**For more information or to register your interest email
Natalie Ralph - nralph@diocant.org**



Religious Education

InspiREd RE Leadership Development course		
<p>InspiREd is a subject leader development programme, which has a vision to inspire and enable those with responsibility for RE in being 'strategic, impactful and flourishing leaders.'</p> <p>The programme is aimed at leaders who want to develop their subject leadership skills in a primary or middle school setting to ensure it is strategic, has an impact on the whole school and is driven by the school's distinctive Christian vision.</p> <p>TO REGISTER FOR A PLACE click here to complete the online form.</p> <p>Contact Natalie to discuss the programme further: nralph@diocant.org</p> <p>Audience: RE leaders Format: Live Zoom Time: 9.30am – 3.00pm Led by: Natalie Ralph & Ryan Parker Cost: CSC £100 Non-CSC £200</p>	Session 1	Friday 23 rd January 2026
	Session 2	Friday 27 th February 2026
	Session 3	Friday 24 th April 2026
	Session 4	Friday 25 th September 2026
	Session 5	Friday 27 th November 2026

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Collective Worship

Help! I'm the new Collective Worship Leader		
<p>This is essential for all leaders new to leading Collective Worship. Come and explore the expectations and responsibilities of the role with other new CW leaders.</p> <p>Audience: Collective Worship leaders new to the role</p> <p>Led by: Natalie Ralph</p>	<p>Term 1 In-person Diocesan House, Canterbury</p>	<p>Thursday 25th September 2025 1.30pm-4.00pm Book here</p>
	<p>Term 5 Online (before Collective Worship Network meeting)</p>	<p>Tuesday 19th May 2026 Check in session 3:00pm - 3.45pm Book here</p>

Collective Worship Leaders Network		
<p>This network is aimed at those in church schools who are responsible for leading Collective Worship. Come and be part of these sessions as we share strategies and practical ideas to enhance your leadership and practice of Collective Worship in your school. This is the best way to keep up to date, hear key messages, explore new resources and connect with other CW leaders around the Diocese.</p> <p>Audience: CW Leaders, leaders and Clergy</p> <p>Format: Live Zoom</p> <p>Time: 4.00pm – 5.30pm</p> <p>Led by: Natalie Ralph and Ruth Parnell</p>	<p>Term 1 Zoom</p>	<p>Thursday 9th October 2025 Book here</p>
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CHRISTIAN CHARACTER CONFERENCE

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*Enabling **all** to grow and flourish spiritually*

Friday 6th February

9.30am-3.00pm

Lenham Community Centre

Christian Character Conference

A day to explore spiritual growth and flourishing for all members of your school community. Together we will explore the following:

What do we mean by spiritual growth?

What might spiritual flourishing look and feel like in collective worship?

How can we plan for and respond to spiritual moments in collective worship?

How might we give children greater agency and leadership opportunities?

Audience: Headteachers, SLT, teachers, CW Leaders, governors, clergy

Format: In person

Time: 9.30am – 3.00pm

Led by: Natalie Ralph and Ruth Parnell

Cost: CSC £15 per person Non-CSC £100 per person

Term 3

Friday 6th February 2026

[Book here](#)

Venue: Lenham Community Centre,
Groom Way, Lenham, Maidstone, Kent

Bring your own packed lunch and if possible, reusable hot drinks cup.

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Spirituality

This is a 3 part journey across a year, therefore there is an expectation that you attend all three sessions. Creating a culture of spirituality takes time and ongoing reflection. Attending these three sessions will give you the tools you need to create, develop and embed a culture of spirituality in your school. If you have previously attended 'an introduction', please join us and book on for sessions 2 and 3.

Spirituality: An Introduction – Part 1 of 3		
<p>What is spirituality? What does spirituality look like in a school? How can we recognise and celebrate moments of spirituality in our schools?</p> <p>Audience: CW leaders, Headteachers, teachers Format: Live Zoom Time: 1.00pm – 3.00pm Led by: Natalie Ralph</p>	Term 3	<p>Thursday 8th January 2026</p> <p>Book here</p>
Spirituality: Digging Deeper – Part 2 of 3		
<p>Following on from 'An Introduction to Spirituality' we will look in detail at what we mean by spiritual development and spiritual flourishing in your school. What can it look like in practice? How can we evidence spiritual development?</p> <p>Audience: CW leaders, Headteachers, teachers Format: In person Venue: Singleton Environmental Centre, Ashford Time: 9.30am - 3.00pm Led by: Natalie Ralph and Rebecca Swansbury</p>	Term 5	<p>Friday 1st May 2026</p> <p>Book here</p>
Spirituality: Flourishing – Part 3 of 3		
<p>Following on from 'An Introduction to Spirituality' and 'Going Deeper' sessions we will look practically at what spiritual flourishing might look like in your school. How might you capture spiritual flourishing? How might you take your school on a journey towards being a place where all flourish spiritually?</p> <p>Audience: CW leaders, Headteachers, teachers Format: In person Venue: Wye Church, Wye, TN25 5BL Time: 1.30pm – 4.00pm Led by: Natalie Ralph and Rebecca Swansbury</p>	Term 6	<p>Friday 2nd July 2026</p> <p>Book here</p>

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Let's Go Zero!

New for 2025 are two sessions designed to make the steps towards creating a climate action plan easier for schools to undertake. The sessions will provide you with information about climate change and the steps your school can take to mitigate its impact. There will be an opportunity to ask questions too.

Why take part?

- Caring for creation is part of being an effective church school
- Having a climate action plan is a DfE requirement by the end of 2025
- Being more energy efficient can reap financial benefits

Let's Go Zero! Session 1 – Calculating your carbon footprint		
<p>The focus of this workshop will be to help schools understand how to calculate their carbon footprint. We will be using the 'Count Your Carbon' tool.</p> <p>Audience: Headteachers, School Business Managers and colleagues interested in finding out more.</p> <p>Format: Live Zoom</p> <p>Time: 1.30pm – 3.00pm</p> <p>Led by: Zech Bates, Schools Project Officer, Felicity Brambling-Wells (Let's Go Zero)</p>	<p>Term 1 Online</p>	<p>Thursday 2nd October 2025 1.30pm - 3.00pm Book here</p>

Let's Go Zero! Session 2 – Formulating your climate action plan.		
<p>The focus of this workshop will be to help schools formulate their climate action plans.</p> <p>Audience: Headteachers, School Business Managers and colleagues interested in finding out more.</p> <p>Format: Live Zoom</p> <p>Time: 1.30pm – 3.00pm</p> <p>Led by: Zech Bates, Schools Project Officer, Felicity Brambling-Wells (Let's Go Zero)</p>	<p>Term 2 Online</p>	<p>Thursday 13th November 2025 1.30pm - 3.00pm Book here</p>

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