

# 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?

<a href="#"><u>Quentin Roper</u></a>	Director of Education, Canterbury Diocese
<a href="#"><u>Rebecca Swansbury</u></a>	Deputy Director of Education, Canterbury Diocese
<a href="#"><u>Natalie Ralph</u></a>	Schools Officer (Christian Character), Canterbury Diocese
<a href="#"><u>Zech Bates</u></a>	Schools Project Officer, Canterbury Diocese
Dan Turvey	Associate Consultant, Canterbury Diocese
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Kath Barham	Associate Consultant, Canterbury Diocese
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.

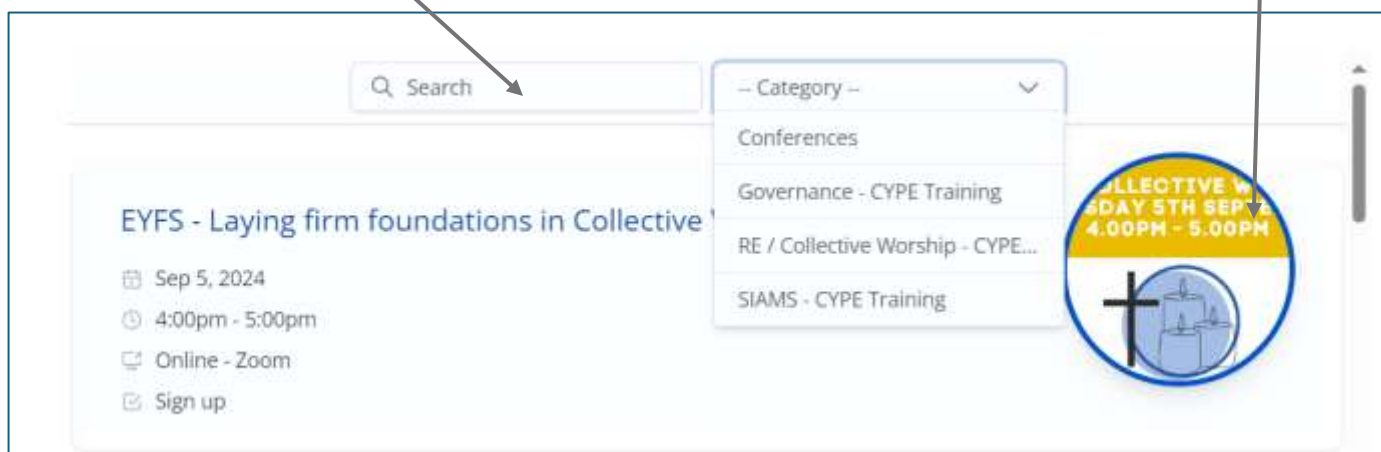
We offer a broad diet of training, that seeks to meet the diverse needs of each school. Our training and events are open to all, 'take and eat' as much as you need.

## How to book on courses

**Within the Directory online:** Within each training session box there is a button that says: **Book now**. 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.

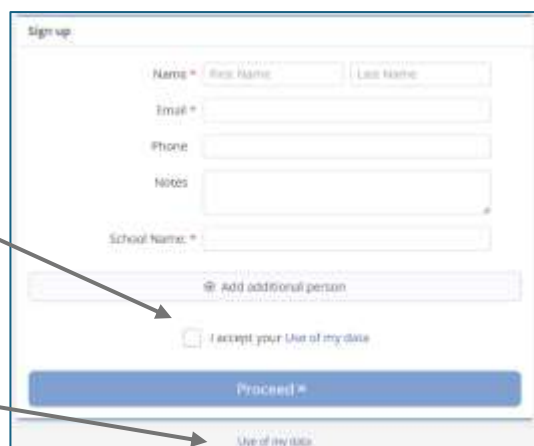


The screenshot shows the ChurchSuite booking platform interface. At the top, there is a search bar with a magnifying glass icon and the word 'Search'. Below the search bar, there is a dropdown menu for 'Category' with options: 'Conferences', 'Governance - CYPE Training', 'RE / Collective Worship - CYPE...', and 'SIAMS - CYPE Training'. To the right of the dropdown menu, there is a circular badge with a cross and candles, indicating a 'COLLECTIVE WORSHIP' session on 'WEDNESDAY 5TH SEP' from '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.

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. It includes fields for 'Name' (with sub-fields for 'First Name' and 'Last Name'), 'Email', 'Phone', 'Notes', and 'School Name'. There is a button labeled 'Add additional person'. Below the form fields, there is a checkbox labeled 'I accept your Use of my data' and a button labeled 'Proceed'. At the bottom of the form, there is a hyperlink labeled 'Use of my data'.

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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup>  
October 2025

Godmersham and  
Crundale Village  
Hall, CT4 7DR

**[Book here](#)**

## Headteacher Retreat

**Audience:** Headteachers

**Format:** In person

**Time:** Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 1.30pm – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 3.00pm

**Led by:** Quentin Roper / Natalie Ralph / Rebecca Swansbury

**Cost:** £160 per person



**Term 4**

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>  
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><b>BY INVITATION - For schools likely to be on the 26/27 SIAMS list</b></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><b>Audience:</b> Headteacher, Senior Leaders, Governors, Clergy</p> <p><b>Format:</b> In person</p> <p><b>Time:</b> 9:30am - 3:30pm</p> <p><b>Led by:</b> Natalie Ralph / Rebecca Swansbury</p>	<p><b>Term 2</b></p>	<p>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2025</p> <p>Godmersham and Crundale Village Hall, CT4 7DR</p>

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# Leadership – SENCOs

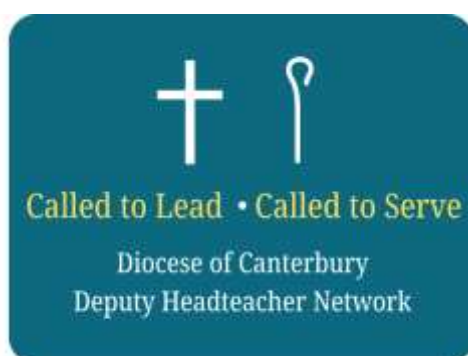
SENDco HELP! Conferences		
<p>A network for SENCOs facilitated by the Canterbury Diocesan Board of Education, led by national experts in SEND.</p> <p>These conferences aim to bring SENCOs together to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- offer support to one another</li> <li>- provide inspiring CPD input from experts in SEND</li> <li>- provide networking opportunities</li> <li>- share best practice in supporting our most vulnerable pupils</li> </ul> <p>Join us for this practical and supportive day for SENCOs in schools across Canterbury Diocese.</p> <p><b>Audience:</b> SENCOs  <b>Format:</b> In person  <b>Time:</b> 9.30am – 3.30pm  <b>Cost:</b> £15 per person, per conference</p>	<b>Term 1</b>	<p>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025</p> <p>Venue: Godmersham and Crundale Village Hall, CT4 5DR</p> <p><a href="#"><b>Book here</b></a></p>
	<b>Term 4</b>	<p>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026</p> <p>Venue: Petham Village Hall, CT4 5RD</p> <p><a href="#"><b>Book here</b></a></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"> <li>- offer support to one another</li> <li>- provide inspiring CPD input from experts in SEND</li> <li>- provide networking opportunities</li> <li>- share best practice in supporting our most vulnerable pupils</li> </ul> <p><b>Audience:</b> SENCOs  <b>Format:</b> Online  <b>Time:</b> 1.30pm – 3.30pm  <b>Led by:</b> Cassie Young (Inclusion Executive Officer, Our Community MAT) and Rebecca Swansbury</p>	<b>Term 2</b>	<p>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2025</p> <p><a href="#"><b>Book here</b></a></p>
	<b>Term 6</b>	<p>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2026</p> <p><a href="#"><b>Book here</b></a></p>



## Leadership – Deputy Headteachers

Deputy Headteacher Network Called to Serve : Called to Lead - COHORT 2		
<p><b>Audience:</b> Deputy Headteachers (or equivalent)</p> <p><b>Format:</b> In person</p> <p><b>Time:</b> 9.30am – 3.30pm</p> <p><b>Led by:</b> Rebecca Swansbury and Kath Barham</p> <p><b>Venue:</b> 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><b>Aims of the network:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop connections with other leaders</li> <li>• Grow in your leadership style</li> <li>• Understand the role of leaders who lead a Church of England School</li> <li>• Embrace the unique role of the Deputy</li> <li>• Find encouragement and blessing</li> <li>• Time to think, reflect and ponder</li> </ul> <p><b>Book your place</b> – You only need to book once, as there is an expectation you attend all 3 days.</p>	<p><b>Day 1 (Term 4)</b></p>	<p>26<sup>th</sup> February 2026</p> <p>Exploring school culture and staff behaviours</p>
	<p><b>Day 2 (Term 6)</b></p>	<p>18<sup>th</sup> June 2026</p> <p>Courageous conversations; Effective Church School</p>
	<p><b>Day 3 (Term 6)</b></p>	<p>26<sup>th</sup> 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 – 7.30 pm

**Led by:** Rebecca Swansbury

**Term 1**

13<sup>th</sup> October 2025

[Book here](#)

**Term 3**

26<sup>th</sup> January 2026

[Book here](#)

**Term 5**

11<sup>th</sup> 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 – 7.30 pm

**Led by:** Rebecca Swansbury

**Term 2**

8<sup>th</sup> December 2025

[Book here](#)

**Term 6**

1<sup>st</sup> 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 – 7.30 pm

**Led by:** Rebecca Swansbury

**Term 3**

12<sup>th</sup> January 2026

[Book here](#)

**Term 6**

9<sup>th</sup> 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 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?

### 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?



## 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



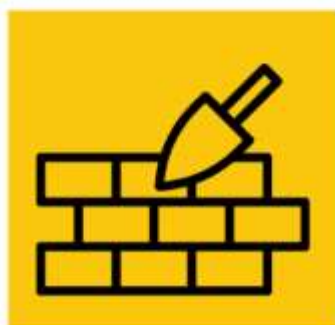
## Collective Worship

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September  
4-5pm

## Religious Education

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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><b>Audience:</b> EYFS teachers and leaders  <b>Format:</b> Live Zoom  <b>Time:</b> 4.00pm – 5.00pm  <b>Led by:</b> Natalie Ralph</p>	<p><b>Term 1</b> <b>Zoom</b></p>	<p>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2025</p> <p><a href="#"><b>Book here</b></a></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><b>Audience:</b> EYFS teachers and leaders  <b>Format:</b> Live Zoom  <b>Time:</b> 4.00pm – 5.00pm  <b>Led by:</b> Natalie Ralph</p>	<p><b>Term 1</b> <b>Zoom</b></p>	<p>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2025</p> <p><a href="#"><b>Book here</b></a></p>

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# 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.

<b>Before Session 1 Online Training</b>	Complete online modules remotely Approximately 4 hours of training
<b>Session 1 Initial Training In-person</b>	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October / 9.30-3pm Godmersham Village Hall Planning for Incarnation
<b>Session 2 Online Network</b>	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2026 3.30-5pm Feedback and planning for Salvation
<b>Session 3 Online Network</b>	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2026 3.30-5pm Feedback and planning for Creation
<b>Session 4 Online Network</b>	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><b>TO REGISTER FOR A PLACE</b> <a href="#">click here to complete the online form</a>.</p> <p>Contact Natalie to discuss the programme further: <a href="mailto:nralph@diocant.org">nralph@diocant.org</a></p> <p>We will be letting schools know if they have a place on the course</p> <p><b>Audience:</b> EYFS teachers and their RE Leaders  <b>Format:</b> Online and in-person  <b>Led by:</b> Natalie Ralph</p>	<b>Before Session 1</b>	Complete online modules remotely. Approximately 4 hours of training.
	<b>Session 2 In-person</b>	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2025 9.30-3pm Godmersham Village Hall
	<b>Session 3 Online</b>	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2026 3.30-5pm
	<b>Session 4 Online</b>	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2026 3.30-5pm
	<b>Session 5 Online</b>	Date TBC – Term 1 2026 3.30-5pm

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><b>Audience:</b> All staff members  <b>Format:</b> In-person  <b>Venue:</b> Seasalter Christian Centre, CT5 4AX  <b>Time:</b> 1.30pm – 3.30pm  <b>Led by:</b> Natalie Ralph</p>	<b>Term 1</b>	<p>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2025</p> <p><a href="#"><b>Book here</b></a></p>

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# Religious Education

## Help! I'm the new RE Leader

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.

**Audience:** RE leaders new to the role

**Format:** In person

**Venue:** Seasalter Christian Centre, CT5 4AX

**Time:** 9.30pm – 3.30pm

**Led by:** Natalie Ralph

**Term 1**

Wednesday 8th October 2025

[Book here](#)

**Term 6**

Online check in session  
(before RE Leaders Network meeting)

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 3.00pm

[Book here](#)

## RE Leaders Network

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.

**Audience:** RE Leaders

**Format:** Live Zoom

**Time:** 4.00pm – 5.30pm

**Led by:** Natalie Ralph and Ruth Parnell



**Term 2  
Zoom**

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025

[Book here](#)

**Term 4**

See you at the RE Conference!  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026

[Book here](#)

**Term 6  
Zoom**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2026

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# RE CONFERENCE

**FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> 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><b>Audience:</b> RE Leaders  <b>Format:</b> In person  <b>Time:</b> 9.30am – 3.00pm  <b>Led by:</b> Natalie Ralph and Ruth Parnell  <b>Cost:</b> CSC £15 per person Non-CSC £100 per person</p>	Term 4	<p>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026</p> <p><b><u><a href="#">Book here</a></u></b></p>
	<p><b>Venue:</b> Lenham Community Centre, Groom Way, Lenham, Maidstone, Kent</p>	

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# RE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

**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  
Integrity

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



**For more information or to register your interest email  
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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><b>TO REGISTER FOR A PLACE</b> <a href="#">click here</a> <b>to complete the online form.</b></p> <p>Contact Natalie to discuss the programme further:  <a href="mailto:nralph@diocant.org">nralph@diocant.org</a></p> <p><b>Audience:</b> RE leaders  <b>Format:</b> Live Zoom  <b>Time:</b> 9.30am – 3.00pm  <b>Led by:</b> Natalie Ralph &amp; Ryan Parker  <b>Cost:</b> CSC £100 Non-CSC £200</p>	<b>Session 1</b>	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2026
	<b>Session 2</b>	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
	<b>Session 3</b>	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
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## Collective Worship

Help! I'm the new Collective Worship Leader		
<p>This is <b>essential for all leaders new to leading Collective Worship</b>. Come and explore the expectations and responsibilities of the role with other new CW leaders.</p> <p><b>Audience:</b> Collective Worship leaders new to the role</p> <p><b>Led by:</b> Natalie Ralph</p>	<p><b>Term 1</b> <b>In-person</b> Diocesan House, Canterbury</p>	<p>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2025 1.30pm-4.00pm <a href="#"><b>Book here</b></a></p>
	<p><b>Term 5</b> <b>Online</b> (before Collective Worship Network meeting)</p>	<p>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2026 <b>Check in session</b> 3:00pm - 3.45pm <a href="#"><b>Book here</b></a></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><b>Audience:</b> CW Leaders, leaders and Clergy</p> <p><b>Format:</b> Live Zoom</p> <p><b>Time:</b> 4.00pm – 5.30pm</p> <p><b>Led by:</b> Natalie Ralph and Ruth Parnell</p>	<p><b>Term 1</b> <b>Zoom</b></p>	<p>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025 <a href="#"><b>Book here</b></a></p>
	<p><b>Term 3</b></p>	<p>See you at the Christian Character Conference! Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026 <a href="#"><b>Book here</b></a></p>
	<p><b>Term 5</b> <b>Zoom</b></p>	<p>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2026 <a href="#"><b>Book here</b></a></p>

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# CHRISTIAN CHARACTER CONFERENCE

20  
26

*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 6<sup>th</sup> 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><b>Audience:</b> CW leaders, Headteachers, teachers <b>Format:</b> Live Zoom <b>Time:</b> 1pm – 3pm <b>Led by:</b> Natalie Ralph</p>	Term 3	<p>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026</p> <p><a href="#"><b>Book here</b></a></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><b>Audience:</b> CW leaders, Headteachers, teachers <b>Format:</b> In person <b>Venue:</b> Singleton Environmental Centre, Ashford <b>Time:</b> 9.30-3pm <b>Led by:</b> Natalie Ralph and Rebecca Swansbury</p>	Term 5	<p>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026</p> <p><a href="#"><b>Book here</b></a></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 <b>all</b> flourish spiritually?</p> <p><b>Audience:</b> CW leaders, Headteachers, teachers <b>Format:</b> In person <b>Venue:</b> Wye Church, Wye, TN25 5BL <b>Time:</b> 1.30pm – 4pm <b>Led by:</b> Natalie Ralph and Rebecca Swansbury</p>	Term 6	<p>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2026</p> <p><a href="#"><b>Book here</b></a></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><b>Audience:</b> Headteachers, School Business Managers and colleagues interested in finding out more.</p> <p><b>Format:</b> Live Zoom</p> <p><b>Time:</b> 1.30pm – 3.00pm</p> <p><b>Led by:</b> Zech Bates, Schools Project Officer, Felicity Brambling-Wells (Let's Go Zero)</p>	<p><b>Term 1</b> <b>Online</b></p>	<p>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025 1.30pm - 3.00pm <b><u><a href="#">Book here</a></u></b></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><b>Audience:</b> Headteachers, School Business Managers and colleagues interested in finding out more.</p> <p><b>Format:</b> Live Zoom</p> <p><b>Time:</b> 1.30pm – 3.00pm</p> <p><b>Led by:</b> Zech Bates, Schools Project Officer, Felicity Brambling-Wells (Let's Go Zero)</p>	<p><b>Term 2</b> <b>Online</b></p>	<p>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025 1.30pm - 3.00pm <b><u><a href="#">Book here</a></u></b></p>

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