



Education CPD brochure

Sept 2024 to July 2025

A Message from Bishop Michael and Ed Gregory

Dear Colleagues,

One of the privileges of my role as Bishop of Bath and Wells is visiting Church Schools to be found all around our Diocese. I'm inspired to see the love of learning and development that schools nurture in our children and it's brilliant to see 'growth mindsets' encouraged and championed. This brochure is an invitation for all teachers, governors, school staff, head teachers and chairs of governors to take part in and model the growth and development that we encourage all our children to see as a lifelong process. So please do sign up to take part in different aspects of the training that's offered by our diocese. We'd love to accompany you on your own learning journey and hope too that training offers excellent opportunities for you to network and be supported by colleagues from many different places. Above all this invitation is accompanied by our thanks and appreciation for all that you do. As I visit schools around the diocese I'm humbled to encounter your commitment, your passion and determination to do the very best for the children and families that you serve. Thank you for all that you give. I hope that our offer of training is just one way that we can give back to you.

+Michael

Dear Colleagues,

Our team has changed significantly for this academic year however, I am delighted that we continue to offer a range of high quality training and development. We are constantly updating our training, in content and to make some web based elements more accessible for you. As a Diocesan Education Department we thank you for all that you are doing, as volunteers or paid staff, for children and young people in education across our diocese. In response we aim to serve you with great training and support that will meet your needs in this changing and challenging landscape. Between us we have tremendous skills, knowledge and wisdom that enables creativity, collaboration and confidence that will bring huge benefits and great hope to the children, young people and communities we are serving together.

Ed Gregory

Director of Education

Training available 2024 to 2025

Date and time	Event details
26 September 2024 4pm to 5.30 pm On Zoom	<p>SIAMS for School.</p> <p>This online course helps to prepare schools for their SIAMS inspection including giving practical ideas and opportunities for discussion. The cost is £35 for the session and is recommended for School staff, governors and Clergy.</p> <p>Booking link: 26 September 21 May</p>
21 May 2025 4pm to 5.30 pm On Zoom	
1 October 2024 4pm to 5.30 pm On Zoom	<p>Help I've been given RE.</p> <p>This session will give you an introduction to being an RE subject leader. We will be looking at: the role of the subject leader; why we teach RE, syllabus and planning and supporting colleagues; creative ideas and resources including 'Understanding Christianity'; assessment and evidence, monitoring and supporting; looking at what SIAMS & Ofsted are looking for. The cost is £35 for the session and is recommended for School staff.</p> <p>Booking link 1 October</p>
8 October 2024 6-7.30PM On Zoom	<p>Church School Governance for Renewing Governors</p> <p>A session designed to provide a refresher for experienced foundation representatives in maintained and academy schools. It is a compulsory module for renewing foundation governors. This session will cover a brief update on the team and any recent new initiatives, answering any questions foundation governors may have. This is a free session and is for all renewing governors.</p> <p>Booking links: 8 October 10 March 5 June</p>
10 March 2025 6-7.30 PM On Zoom	
5 June 2025 6-7.30 PM On Zoom	
14 October 2024 4-5.30PM On Zoom	<p>Spirituality In Schools</p> <p>How can we recognise and encourage the creation of space for spiritual development in our schools, enabling all pupils and adults to flourish? This webinar provides the opportunity to explore what spirituality is in the school context and the SIAMS expectations for church schools, recognising and valuing spirituality and implementing a school policy for spiritual development. We will share some good practice from schools within our diocese and also some key documents that will support you in your development.</p> <p>The cost is £35 for the session and is recommended for School staff, governors and Clergy.</p> <p>Booking link: 14 October</p>
15 October 2024 6-8PM On Zoom	<p>Church School Governance for Members and Trustees</p> <p>An introduction to governance as a Trustee or a Member within a Multi Academy Trust. Suitable for those who have been newly appointed, or those looking for a refresher, and who would like to know more about their strategic responsibility for governance across their trust. This is a free session and is recommended for all members and Trustees new and renewing.</p> <p>Booking link: 15 October 6 May</p>
6 May 2025 6-8PM On Zoom	

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Date and time	Event details
21 October 2024 6-7.30 PM On Zoom	<p>Clerks Forums</p> <p>Our clerk’s forum is held once every long term to provide an opportunity for networking and to discuss key issues facing Clerks. Hear from speakers chosen by discussions in previous forums. Focused briefings specifically for Clerks from the diocesan team, often on subjects requested at previous forums. Opportunities to share best practice.</p> <p>This is a free session available to all Clerks.</p> <p>Booking link: 21 October 25 February 13 May</p>
25 February 2025 6-7.30 PM On Zoom	
13 May 2025 6-7.30 PM On Zoom	
7 November 2024 6-7.30 PM On Zoom	<p>Foundation Governor Forums</p> <p>Our termly governor forum is aimed at all those serving as governors in our church schools and has been designed with a view to providing attendees with the opportunity to network, share best practice and to hear about any hot topics. Each forum will have a theme, often with a guest speaker, as well as time planned in for that valuable networking opportunity.</p> <p>This is a free session available to all foundation governors and clergy.</p> <p>Booking link: 7 November 11 February 9 June</p>
11 February 2025 6-7.30 PM On Zoom	
9 June 2025 6-7.30 PM On Zoom	
<p>Autumn</p> <p>14 November 2024</p> <p>1-2PM or 6-7PM</p> <p>On Zoom</p>	<p>Heads and Chairs Autumn and Summer Briefings</p> <p>Termly update for leaders in church schools and academies. We invite the Headteachers, Senior Leaders and Chairs of Governors of all our Church schools to attend a briefing led by members of our Senior Leadership Team, School Advisers from the Diocese of Bath and Wells Education Department and invited speakers. These briefing events are an opportunity to hear updates from us about what we are working on alongside our local authority colleagues, MATs and to hear updates about any changes on a national level. There is a different agenda each term, covering a variety of subjects and includes discussion opportunities.</p> <p>This is a free session open to all Headteachers and Chair of governors.</p> <p>Booking link : 14 November 1pm 14 November 6pm 25 June 1pm 25 June 6pm</p>
<p>Summer</p> <p>25 June 2025</p> <p>1-2PM or 6-7PM</p> <p>On Zoom</p>	
20 November 2024 6-7.30PM On Zoom	<p>New Chairs: Leading in a Church school</p> <p>For new and recently appointed chairs and those who wish to update their knowledge. This course, written by an experienced Chair of Governors, will give you all the skills and information you need to get started and be effective immediately. The course will include looking at the key roles and responsibilities of a governing body with specific reference to the Chair’s role. There will be advice and guidance on issues Chairs of Governors find themselves faced with.</p> <p>This is a free session recommended for all New Chairs of Governors.</p> <p>Booking link: 20 November 26 February 16 June</p>
26 February 2025 6-7.30PM On Zoom	
16 June 2025 6-7.30PM On Zoom	

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26 November 2024 6-7.30PM On zoom	<p>Forum for Trustees</p> <p>This forum, facilitated by the diocesan Education team, is an opportunity for directors/trustees of Multi-Academy Trusts to meet and discuss current issues facing them, particularly with regard to Church school distinctiveness, and to network with others within the wider diocesan area. We are able to share best practise and experience within the group. It is important to us that each trust is represented. The November and February forums are online, and the July forum is in-person at Flourish House.</p> <p>This is a free session recommended for all Trustees.</p> <p>Booking link: 26 November 13 February 5 June</p>
13 February 2025 6-7.30PM On zoom	
5 June 2025 3-5pm In person at Flourish House	
26 November 2024 9:30 to 4PM Flourish House	<p>Understanding Christianity Day</p> <p>The whole day session explores this popular resource to support the teaching of Christianity in Religious Education, used in most of the church schools and academies across the country. It meets all the expectations of the RE Statement of Entitlement and the SIAMS inspection process. The cost is £60 for the session and is recommended for School staff.</p> <p>Booking link: 26 November</p>
28 November 2024 - 4pm to 5.30 pm On zoom	<p>Theologically Rooted Christian Vision</p> <p>SIAMS 2023 asks about your school's 'theologically rooted Christian vision'. This session is aimed at schools who are looking to revisit their vision or who already have an established school vision. It will support school leaders to articulate the context of your school, and to think about how to respond to this theologically. How do you then formulate an effective theologically rooted Christian vision and support your school community in understanding this.</p> <p>The cost is £35 for the session and is recommended for School staff, governors and Clergy.</p> <p>Booking link: 28th November</p>
28 November 2024 6-7.30PM On zoom	<p>Forum for Members</p> <p>A chance for the Diocesan Corporate Member (DCM) and other Foundation Members to really understand their role and the interface with the Diocesan Board of Education and the Education Department. We will be able to share our Diocesan Academisation Strategy, a requirement under the new Articles and discuss current issues that are emerging from Members' meetings as well as networking with other Foundation Members.</p> <p>This is a free session recommended for all Members.</p> <p>Booking link: 28 November</p>

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<p>21 January 2025</p> <p>4pm to 5.30 pm On zoom</p>	<p>Collective Worship: Guidance, planning and resources</p> <p>This Collective Worship training is for governors, clergy and staff who are involved in leading developing, and monitoring collective worship in their school. It aims to provide the opportunity for you to explore good practice in planning, resourcing, and monitoring collective worship in your school or trust and to share ideas with colleagues.</p> <p>The cost is £35 for the session and is recommended for School staff, governors and Clergy.</p> <p>Booking link : 21 January</p>
<p>4 February 2025</p> <p>4pm to 5.30 pm On zoom</p>	<p>SIAMS Forum</p> <p>This is an opportunity to share experiences, anxieties, and helpful tips on preparing for SIAMS with colleagues. At this forum there will be opportunity to: discuss questions about SIAMS related matters, including self-evaluation; share experiences, helpful tips and best practice; have space to explore and discuss the challenges of the SIAMS inspection and discuss the impact of the changes and developments to the SIAMS inspection process.</p> <p>This is a free session and is recommended for School staff, governors and Clergy.</p> <p>Booking link: 4 February</p>
	<p>Church School Governance Parts 1 & 2 update</p> <p>Our training course for new foundation governors is going completely online. From September you will be able to do this course in your own time by signing up and taking the course when it suits you. We ask that all foundation governors complete the course in the first 12 months of their appointment. We are hoping that by moving it online it will be more accessible to those of you who work full time or just have busy lives.</p> <p>We will be launching the course in September so do look out for an email from Felicity Cobley.</p>

Cancellation of courses and conferences

If you are unable to attend, please give us at least 24 hours notice to avoid being charged for the event. Any places not cancelled 24 hours in advance will be charged the full fee. Refunds will be given

School Leaders and Parish Partner Conferences 2025

Our School Leaders and Parish Partner Conference for 2025 will be on the topic of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion. More information and keynote speakers will be announced in September.

Location Flourish House

Cost: tba

Date 20 March 2025 or 21 March 2025

Bath and Wells RE Conference 2025

Join us for the Annual RE Conference at Flourish House. We are delighted to have the always inspiring **Gillian Georgiou** as our keynote speaker. A nationally renowned expert in Religious Education, Gillian will explore the innovative worldviews approach to planning and teaching. Her practical insights will support teachers to transform approaches to RE.

In the afternoon there will be the opportunity to engage in a series of interactive workshops designed to provide practical tools and strategies for implementing these concepts.

More details of the Conference will be sent to Schools in September.

Location Flourish House

Cost tba

Date 2nd may 2025

Meet the training team.



Claire Hudson: Education Adviser

Louise Jenkins: Education Adviser



Paul Marvin: Education Adviser

Suzanne McDonald : Education Adviser



Tina Wilkes: Education Adviser

Felicity Cobby: Lead Administrator



How to book

Booking is easy. Scan the QR code on the bottom of the page or [click on this link](#).

On the website you will see options like the ones below. Click on your role and you will see the courses available to the role. If you would like to book, click on the link that says more information and booking.

If you have any issues then please contact me [Felicity Cobley](#) Lead Administrator for Education.



Current CPD Brochure

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Headteachers & Senior School Leaders

Training and events for Headteachers and Senior School Leaders



Chairs of Governors

Training and events for Chairs of Governors



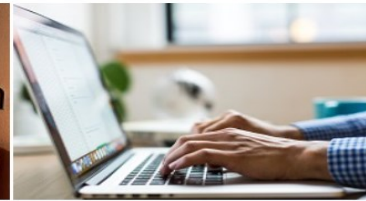
RE Leads and Teachers

Training and events for RE Leads and Teachers



Foundation Governors

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