

RE CO-ORDINATORS' NEWSLETTER



AUTUMN TERM
September 2007

'HERE I AM'

Route D for 2007/2008

Prayer leaflets will be put on the Diocesan website to support each topic—download as you wish. I cannot emphasise enough, the need to complete 'Before you Begin' with staff—this is not a section to be reviewed alone. It can support all staff new and old in understanding what each topic is about.

Section 48 & Inspections

'Social Cohesion' is now included in both Section 5 and 48. The SEF 48 now has a section on this and new updated guidelines are on our website. The inclusion of this new section means that it must be amended on your current SEF if you are pending an inspection within the next year.

There is a training day for our inspectors and headteachers on 'social cohesion' on 11th September and I will bring co-ordinators up to date at our cluster meetings. Do not hesitate to contact me if you need individual support.

Inspections

Due to a recent analysis of Inspection outcomes we still have all schools in categories 1, 2 and 3. As a department our focus will be to visit all schools who received category 3 to see what support we can offer in order to improve this grade to 2 or 1.

ASSESSMENT

The new levels of attainment in RE for our Catholic schools have been published in agreement of the Bishops' Conference. The Attainment Books were sent to every school last term and it provides a tool through which pupils understanding and progression may be measured. The attainment levels will help teachers with their planning and covers Foundation to L8 and P Scales for pupils with learning difficulties and disabilities.

Fr. Joe Quigley (National Education Adviser) will be leading the INSET on this document and its implementation on September 20th which is your RE Co-ordinators' Day for the Autumn Term. It is important that Co-ordinators and/or heads attend this day. In the afternoon we will be looking at Church's Story.

Church's Story

The launch of the Church's Story CD to accompany the use of the books will take place on 20th September as the second part of your RE Co-ordinators' INSET Day. Sr. Vicky Hummell from the Catholic Education Service, Westminster and myself will lead the afternoon session.

ENVIRONMENT AND OUR DIOCESE



Thank you to all schools that responded to my request to have your Policy on Environmental Projects. A summary of your work will be forwarded to the Bishop. An Environmental Weekend and many other events are taking place in our Diocese over the next year.

To look at forthcoming events and dates log onto

<http://www.soundofmanywaters.org/> or call 0117 973 8128

CAFOD

I met with Angela Warren, Primary Adviser for CAFOD to review the work that is being integrated into our curriculum now. We certainly have come a long way in the last five years. CAFOD is being mentioned in our inspection reports both Sec 5 and Sec 48 with very high and commendable comments. Well done to all of you. Remember Angela and Clare are available for full day training for your school individually or for a cluster of schools. Do use your local CAFOD support—if you are unsure who that is then call Tony Vassallo on 01823 338903 and he will help you to make contact. Keep up the good work by giving CAFOD the high profile it has in our Diocese. Angela will visit you all at the end of the next academic year. Your evaluation responses were very useful in planning for you for the future and your comments are being addressed so Thank You.

Courses

A reminder of the course dates for the year. One or two have had to change—do amend these in your diaries. They are also on your Headteacher's Planning Calendar for the year.

11 September	Alexander House	S48 Inspectors Training
17 September	Alexander House	Training Day for NQTs and New Staff to Diocese
20 September	Alexander House	RE Co-ordinators' Day Assessment & Church's Story
4/5 October	Menzies Hotel	Headteachers' Conference
31 October	Alexander House	Foundation RE
28 November	Alexander House	Twilight Meeting for 'SEAL' and HIA working panel
30 January 2008	Alexander House	Seeking the Face of Christ (Primary & Secondary)
13 February		Yr 6/Yr 7 RE Liaison Day
11/12 March	Hilton Hotel	Module 1 and 2 of the Diocesan Certificate for RE
17 March	Emmaus House	Deputy Headteachers' Conference
28/29 April	Hilton Hotel	Module 3 and 4 of the Diocesan Certificate for RE
19 May	Hilton Hotel	Module 5 of the Diocesan Certificate for RE

Other Diocesan Days:

20 November	Alexander House	Advent Evening 4.30–7.00 pm
24 April	Alexander House	Pentecost Retreat 4.30 pm–7.00 pm
18 June	Clifton Cathedral	Primary Leavers' Masses at 11 am & 1.30 pm



**Do Not be afraid of Christ! He takes nothing away,
and he gives you everything.**

**When we give ourselves to Him, we receive a hundredfold in return.
Yes open, open wide the doors to Christ—and you will find true life”.**

Pope Benedict XVI