

Diocese of Chichester Training

Brochure 2026-2027

Christian Distinctiveness

RE leadership in a Church School	Leader	Dates
This course will help you understand the different roles of the RE subject leader including curriculum design, monitoring, review and evaluation, assessment and supporting colleagues. We will consider key aspects such as the statement of entitlement, locally agreed syllabi and the latest changes to RE and its unique place in the curriculum. Bring your questions and be ready build connections with colleagues from across the Diocese.	Andrew Jervis	<u>24.09.2026</u> <u>11.03.2027</u>
	Location	Time
	Diocesan Church House	09:30 – 15:30
	Target audience	
	RE subject leaders	

RE subject leader network meetings	Leader	Time
An opportunity to meet with fellow RE subject leaders, to hear the latest news around RE and to be supported with the challenges facing schools currently. These meetings will take place in geographical localities to help reduce travelling for delegates and to build communities of support for subject leaders. Please do feed in your questions and challenges in advance. Offers of venues to host meetings are most welcome!	Andrew Jervis	16:00 – 18:00
	Location	Dates
	School in East	<u>06.10.2026</u> <u>26:01:2027</u> <u>04:05:2027</u>
	School in West	<u>13:10:2026</u> <u>02:02:2027</u> <u>18:05:2027</u>
	School Central	<u>20:10:2026</u> <u>09:02:2027</u> <u>25:05:2027</u>
	Target audience	
	RE subject leaders	

Collective Worship and Spirituality	Leader	Dates
A day to consider the big questions around collective worship; what is it, what should it look like, what impact should it have and how can you make it the heartbeat of your school for the benefit of pupils, adults and the wider community. Come and be inspired and leave with practical ideas and resources you can draw on to support with planning, delivery and evaluation of worship. We'll consider the links between worship and spirituality and how you can build spiritual development into the daily life of your school. Suitable for Headteachers, senior leaders, governors and clergy who are encouraged to attend together if possible.	Andrew Jervis	<u>12.11.2026</u>
	Ali Campbell and Andrew Jervis	<u>18.03.2027</u>
	Andrew Jervis	<u>15.04.2027</u>
	Location	Time
	Diocesan Church House	09:30 – 15:30
	Target audience	Headteachers, SIAMS leader, governors, clergy

Quiet Reflection days	Leader	Time
An opportunity for Headteachers and Senior Leaders to have some valuable time away from school to be nourished spiritually and have time to consider the issues you currently face and be inspired, nurtured and sustained by scripture, reflections and space and time for your own thoughts. Led by experienced retreat leaders, come and be refreshed spiritually, physically and mentally. These events are taking place in three venues across the Diocese – please choose the venue most appropriate for your location.	Member of clergy and Andrew Jervis	10:00 – 15:00
	Location	Dates
	Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre	<u>28.01.2027</u>
	To be confirmed (Central area)	<u>27.05.2027</u>
	Target audience	Headteachers, senior leaders

SIAMS Inspection

Preparing for SIAMS	Leader	Dates
Led by an experienced inspector, this course will increase your confidence and familiarity with the SIAMS framework, inspection process and self-evaluation. We will consider how preparing for inspection and developing your school to be the best church school it can go hand in hand. There will be time in the afternoon to reflect on your own school's preparation and self-evaluation with support on hand. Suitable for Headteachers, senior leaders and Governors who are encouraged to attend together if possible.	Andrew Jervis	<u>17.09.2026</u> <u>21.01.2027</u> <u>20.05.2027</u>
	Location	Time
	Diocesan Church House	09:30 – 15:30 09:30 – 15:30 09:30 – 15:30
	Target audience	
	Headteachers, SIAMS leader, RE subject leaders, governors, clergy	

SIAMS for Governors	Leader	Dates
Led by an experienced inspector, this course will help increase your confidence and familiarity with the SIAMS framework, inspection process and self-evaluation. We'll focus on Governor responsibilities and how you can be prepared for meeting with the SIAMS inspector and how to demonstrate the role of Governors in considering the effectiveness of the school and impact of its theologically rooted Christian vision.	Andrew Jervis	<u>17.11.2026</u> <u>07.01.2027</u> <u>11.05.2027</u>
	Location	Time
	Diocesan Church House	09:30 – 15:30
	Target audience	
	Headteachers, governors, clergy	

Specials

Faith in Action Award launch	Location	Dates
This award is designed to recognise the active faith and service of young people in our schools. It is a way of rewarding their dedication and commitment and to celebrate their contributions to the community. Find out about the four levels of award from pin to gold and how your school can be involved.	Diocesan Church House	<u>08.09.2026</u>
	On-line	<u>22.09.2026</u>
	Leader	Time
	Andrew Jervis	16:30 – 18:00
	Target audience	
	Headteachers, SIAMS leader, governors, clergy	

God and the Big Bang	Leader	Dates
Research shows that 43% of Y6 pupils and 56% of Year 11 students think that Science makes it hard to believe in God. During this day we will consider how our approach to curriculum and collective worship can be developed in order to harmonise science and theology. Led by the team from God and the Big Bang, which is run by Christians seeking to demonstrate a creative, thought-provoking, and highly engaging approach to questions of science and faith, delegates will have a taste of two of their workshops - evolution and theology and Big Bang and Beyond.	Andrew Jervis and presenters from God and the Big Bang	<u>25.11.2026</u>
	Location	Time
	Diocesan Church House	09:30 – 15:30
	Target audience	
	Headteachers, SIAMS leader, RE subject leaders, governors, clergy	

Bereavement - Care Awareness and Support for School Leaders	Leader	Dates
Did you know that, on average, at least one child in every classroom has been bereaved of a parent? Grief is something many children bring with them into school each day, often affecting their wellbeing, learning, and behaviour. Schools are uniquely placed to provide stability and support during these difficult times but knowing how to respond can feel challenging. This training is designed to build confidence and equip staff with practical skills to support bereaved children and families with compassion and understanding. Whether you are experienced in this area or new to it, the training will better equip as you offer support to those suffering the pain and heartache of loss.	Sonia Pascoe, Care for the Family and Andrew Jervis	<u>09.03.2027</u>
	Location	Time
	Diocesan Church House	09:30 – 16:00
	Target audience	
	Headteachers, SIAMS leader, governors, clergy	
	Training to support school leaders as they support bereaved staff and pupils	

Land and Buildings

Energy Saving and Climate Action Seminar	Leader	Dates
Learn ways to reduce energy costs, improve comfort, and create climate action plans that will help future proof your school.	Brian Kilkelly	<u>24.09.2026</u> <u>23.03.2027</u> <u>17.06.2027</u>
	Location	Time
	On-line	15:30 – 16:30
	Target audience	
	Headteachers, governors, school business managers	

Energy Saving and Climate Action Workshop	Leader	Dates
With the support the of the team behind the 'Let's Go Zero' campaign, we will help you identify energy savings and provide practical tips on how to meet the Department for Education expectation to have a Climate Action Plan.	Brian Kilkelly	<u>15.10.2026</u> <u>13.04.2027</u> <u>01.07.2027</u>
	Location	Time
	On-line	15:30 – 17:00
	Target audience	
	Headteachers, governors, school business managers	

Land and Buildings Management for Church Schools	Leader	Dates
For headteachers, school business managers and governors of Church schools focussing on • Permissions required for capital works/ nurseries/ wrap around care • Bidding for SCA capital funding for SCA for VA schools and the DfE Education Estate Strategy • Energy Saving and Net Zero in Church schools	Heather Broadbent	<u>24.09.2026</u>
	Location	Time
	On-line	10:00 – 12:00
	Target audience	
	Headteachers, governors, school business managers	

Leadership

Aspiring Heads of Church Schools	Leader	Dates
Alongside the opportunities to take the National Professional Qualifications, this course is designed to support those seeking to soon secure a headship in a Church school. Expectations of leading a Church school will be discussed and what to expect in the process of headship interviews explored from application to interview.	Ruth Cumming	<u>01.10.2026</u>
	Location	Time
	Diocesan Church House	09:30 – 15:30
	Target audience	
	Prospective headteachers	

Headteacher Induction	Leader	Dates
This is a compulsory course for all new heads of Church schools in the Diocese. We are looking forward to welcoming you to Church House. You will meet the team and find out what is on offer to support you. Each day is packed with essential information and invaluable materials to set you up for success in your new Church school headship. You will be informed about your Diocesan context and matters that are bespoke to Church schools so that you can be confident as the leader of your school. It is an opportunity to meet future friends from across all three LAs in the Diocese.	Ruth Cumming	<u>10.09.2026</u> <u>15.01.2027</u> <u>10.06.2027</u>
	Location	Time
	Diocesan Church House	09:30 – 15:30
	Target audience	
	New CE Headteachers	

Admissions Surgery	Leader	Dates
A one-stop-shop for all your Admissions questions and for clarification for those in Voluntary Aided Church schools. It would be helpful if you could supply us with your Admissions Policy and SIF a week in advance of the meeting.	tbc	<u>08.10.2026</u>
	Location	Time
	On-line	14:00 – 16:00
	Target audience	
	Headteachers, governors	

Heads and Governors Briefing	Location	Dates
A magazine style presentation will ensure you are kept up to date on recent changes in education and information that will be helpful to you in leading your Church school. A range of short inputs from a range of speakers will enable you to keep up to speed with the ever-changing world of education in a Church school.	On-line	<u>22.10.2026</u>
	On-line	<u>11.02.2027</u>
	St Andrew's Church Furnace Green	<u>08.07.2027</u>
	Leader	Time
	Lesley Hurst	16:30- 18:00
Target audience		
Headteachers, governors, clergy		

Headteachers' Conference	Leader	Dates
A beautiful setting and lunch to join with other Church school leaders from across the Diocese for a day to refresh and think. Be inspired by a range of inspiring speakers and have time to meet with other heads and the Diocesan Education team.	Lesley Hurst	<u>05.03.2027</u>
	Location	Time
	Ashdown Park Hotel	09:30 – 16:00
	Target audience	
	Headteachers	