Dear Headteachers, Executive Headteachers, CEOs, Consultants, Chaplains, Directors, Chairs of Governors, Vice Chairs of Governors and Foundation Governors

**Peterborough Cathedral**

Peterborough Cathedral has a wonderful range of school visit programmes for children and young people in all key stages, as attached.  Please contact Alex Carton at the Cathedral if you would like to arrange a school visit via [education@peterborough-cathedral.org.uk](mailto:education@peterborough-cathedral.org.uk).  We also have space for just a few more schools at our Annual Service of Dedication and Thanksgiving for Diocesan Schools on 29th September at 2.00pm.  To book seats for staff, governors and pupils in your schools, please contact Alex Benoy  via [education@peterborough-diocese.org.uk](mailto:education@peterborough-diocese.org.uk).

**Free Zoom Webinars Open to All**

***27th June 4.00-4.40pm Lyfta – Enhancing your curriculum with rich and diverse human stories from around the world***

This [Lyfta](https://www.lyfta.com/) webinar with Serdar Ferit is for MAT CEOs.  Lyfta invites students to explore real homes, workplaces and environments, and to get to know people from around the world through powerful and inspiring short films.  It is an impactful and captivating way for students to experience human diversity, and for teachers to nurture the vital skills and values children will need to thrive in our changing world.  It provides the opportunity to offer a truly global education and to deepen children and young people’s empathy and understanding.

***29th June 4.00-4.40pm Showbie***

From assignments to collaboration, Showbie helps you bring your classroom together in one simple, easy to use app. For further details, please see Showbie – Your classroom, connected and to register[Register here](https://learn.showbie.com/register-innovation-impact).

**SLA Training**

***Balanced RE:  Knowledge in the RE Curriculum 9.30am – 3.30pm, Tuesday 28 June*** *at Hayfield Cross CE Primary School, Hayfield Crescent, Kettering NN15 5FJ.*

This will be led by Gillian Georgiou and she writes: *‘Rooted in both the expectations of the Church of England Education Office and Ofsted, this session will explore the different types of knowledge developed through the RE curriculum.  It will engage with the latest thinking on teaching religion and worldviews and provide practical opportunities for curriculum design and assessing pupil progress in RE.  It will not only benefit RE Leads but will also be beneficial for other teachers of RE.’*  Gillian Georgiou is the Diocesan RE Adviser for the Lincoln Diocesan Board of Education. She is the co-author of the Balanced RE approach and is currently leading one of three teams nationwide to develop an RE framework based on the draft National Statement of Entitlement produced by the RE Council of England and Wales.

***Roles & Responsibilities of Church School Governors,*** *Wednesday 29 June 6.30pm – 8.30pm with Peter French via Zoom*

Peter is Deputy Diocesan Director of Education in Peterborough Diocese, following on from many years of service in Birmingham Diocese as Assistant Diocesan Director of Education.  Peter is also a NLG (National Leader of Governance), with extensive experience as a Chair of Governors and MAT Director, and he will lead you through the roles and responsibilities of being a Church of England school governor with panache, insight, encouragement and advice.

This is an essential session for all new Church of England Foundation Governors and for Foundation Governors who have completed four years of service and who now need to update and refresh their training; at the same time providing a valuable opportunity for experienced Foundation Governors to pass on the benefits of their experience to new Foundation Governors.

**PopUK**

Andy Silver from PopUK has been in touch to say: *‘PopUK’s new song* [*Life is Always Better*](https://55bcfff2-e9b0-44ef-9ec5-36be650b91b7.mailbutler.link/p2/6d4afb39-9597-4ab4-babe-dcdcf59479dd/dae107e5-43ca-4da8-9f1a-4e9c1b4c30c0) *celebrates the C of E’s vision for Education: Fullness of Life.  This catchy, uplifting song helps children to understand the value of sharing life with others; developing community and living well together.  The song is free to all schools through PopUK’s free song bank.  The full version can be accessed through the above link.’*

**Growing Faith Foundation**

Lucy Moore, the new Head of the Growing Faith Foundation, has been in touch to say: *‘Do read and share the exciting research opportunities described in* [*https://churchofengland.tfaforms.net/4903528*](https://churchofengland.tfaforms.net/4903528)*.  It really will be a wonderful way to get your churches, schools and homes working together to research important questions that can help the whole Church learn!’*

**A Cost Free and Innovative Sustainability Solution for your School from Zellar**

Zellar is currently developing a ground-breaking approach for school communities, consolidating thinking and conversations, bringing everyone together with one focus to be more sustainable as a community and track their journey with data to show all stakeholders.  40 pioneering case study schools are currently being on-boarded and will be fully up and running by December:   
  
The Mead Education Trust Leicester   
The Rutland Learning Trust  
Uppingham Community College   
Oaklands Special School Leicester   
Oakham School   
Brooke Hill Academy Trust   
Evolve Church Academy Trust  
Innovate Multi Academy Trust  
Brooke Priory Prep School Oakham

If you would like to be part of the next wave of case studies in January, please sign up for one of the introductory webinars on 4th, 12th and 13th July.  Further details have been sent separately to all headteachers and MAT CEOs.

**Academy & School News Update and Safeguarding Briefing**

Please find attached the most recent academy and school news summary from educational consultant Tony Stephens and a copy of the latest safeguarding briefing from Andrew Hall.

**Croughton Church of England Primary School Headship**

Croughton Church of England Primary School are in the process of recruiting a new Headteacher for January.  Further details can be found on the diocesan website - [Diocese of Peterborough | Headteacher Croughton All Saints C.E. Primary School (peterborough-diocese.org.uk)](https://www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk/aboutus/vacancies2/headteacher-croughton-all-saints-ce-primary-school.php).

**Thought for the Week**

May I share with you these uplifting words from Lamentations 3: v22, 23 inspire and encourage you each morning, as you approach each day in this week ahead…

*‘Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed,  
    for his compassions never fail.*

*They are new every morning;  
    great is your faithfulness.’*

**Prayer**

Finally, may I share with you a prayer from this Sunday, the second Sunday after Trinity…

*Faithful Creator,  
whose mercy never fails:  
deepen our faithfulness to you  
and to your living Word,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

Wishing you every blessing!

Peter

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