



Thought for the Week

Train up a child in the way he should go,

And when he is old he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6

Recently I've been thinking back to my school days. I attended a couple of primary schools due to moving area and a really great secondary school – so much so when we moved house I stayed at the school and had a car and train ride to get there. My memory is not very good from when I was a child, I have some stand out memories, but not many from my actual lessons and what I was taught. I guess as a teacher that is not particularly what you want to hear, all that hard work put into lessons and we don't remember them. However, while I may not remember actual lessons, I know when I come to decorate a room or measure up for a new carpet I use the maths skills I was taught, I can watch The Chase and answer questions about chemical symbols and I still have a dislike for running from all the cold winter days on cross country – so something definitely stuck!

One thing that is very clear in my mind is how much I enjoyed school and I have great memories of the teachers I had. My English teacher who encouraged my love of reading, my Russian teacher (yes, I learnt Russian at school!!) who was also my Christian Union leader, who spent time building my confidence in areas around my faith and language skills. My RE teacher who did A Level RE just for me after school because she knew I wanted to be a RE teacher, and my head of year - I just remember the twinkle in his eye and clearly how much he cared for the students in his year. I could go on as I haven't even mentioned my primary school teachers. These teachers took the time to teach me, care for me and help me prepare for my life now.

I love it when I hear from past students and what they are doing now, knowing that perhaps you made a difference. In the past couple of weeks, I spoke to a previous student and he thanked me for helping him get through secondary school, it had been a difficult time for him and many of us in the school had supported him making sure he could get to the end of his education as successfully as possible – but it was lovely that he took the time to say thank

you. We never know the impact we have on the pupils and students in front of us but I love Proverbs 22:6 that shows what we do is never wasted; in 20 years' time they may not be able to remember that exact history fact you told them but the impact you have had stays with them.

As we approach this busy end of term when pupils and staff alike are tired and there seems to be so much to get done in the last few weeks of term, why not take a moment to reflect on what impact your teachers had on you and how you have had an impact on others.

Lynsey Norris – Assistant Director of Education

Important Updates and Messages

Professional Development

It has been so great to see so many of you at our training, briefings, and clusters this year - whether that has been virtual or face to face. We hope you have found them valuable and they have helped further develop your school

The professional development offer for 2022-2023 is now on our website so you can see what we are offering next year. You can currently book any sessions up until Christmas, and from September you will be able to book for the whole year. There are more details to come so please look out for them.

You can also book an officer to come to your school and train the whole staff, training days and September dates are getting booked up so please do contact us as soon as possible if you would like some training:

<https://www.lincolndiocesaneducation.com/page/?title=Diary+of+Central+Events&pid=53>

SIAMS 2023 National Update Briefing

Please see below for registration for the SIAMS 2023 National Update Briefing on 3rd November 2022 -

Thursday 3 November 6-7.30pm	SIAMS 2023 – National Update	Register here
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Diocesan School Improvement Offer 2022-2023

‘Enabling all children to flourish through wisdom, knowledge and skills’.

Enabling every child to flourish is at the heart of the Church of England’s vision for education. To achieve this we need effective schools led by strong and inspired leaders and empowered teaching staff. School development and leaders’ decisions and subsequent actions should be shaped and supported by the distinctive Christian vision for your school. Wisdom, knowledge and skills is a core strand of the Church of England’s vision for education. It brings together the Christian vision, curriculum provision, teaching and learning, and prioritises support for the most vulnerable in our communities. It also reflects the learning and development needs of our leaders and staff so that they too can flourish.



Our [school improvement offer](#) provides a unique programme underpinned by productive, authentic relationships which takes an innovative, holistic approach to rigorous school development. The programme will provide an external perspective and written reports to support governors whilst also remaining developmental for all staff involved. The starting point of any work is each school’s unique context and distinctive Christian vision.

The programme of support has at its core a series of three termly visits by a school effectiveness adviser working in the role of ‘critical friend’. Packages can be tailored to meet the needs and priorities of your school. There are further options for schools who do not wish to take up the full annual offer. The offer is now live on our website and can be booked [here](#).

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to discuss options for your school in more detail. june.richardson@lincoln.anglican.org

Farmington Scholarships

Throughout this academic year, two RE subject leaders working in the region have been completing a Farmington Scholarship. This prestigious research programme empowers RE leaders to use research to improve RE in their settings. It provides funding to the participant’s school to enable them to have the time to carry out this research. At the end of the research programme, all participants are invited to present their findings at a summer conference hosted by Harris Manchester College at the University of Oxford.

We want to offer our huge congratulations to Julie Childs (Utterby Primary) and Emely Keane (Welton St Mary’s CE Primary) for successfully completing the Farmington Scholarship this

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year. Both carried out important research that has had a positive impact on the effectiveness of the RE curriculum in their respective schools. Julie and Emely will share more about their research in the autumn term edition of RE News; Emely has also very generously offered to share the vocabulary development resource she produced through her research via the RE Resources section of our website. We know you will find it incredibly useful, so thank you, Emely!

Congratulations Ryan!

Lindsey Lodge Hospice have awarded Ryan Oates, Personal Development Lead at St Lawrence Academy, their Hospice Hero medal – he has raised an amazing £12, 627 over the years!

<https://twitter.com/LindseyLodge/status/1544712970399252481?t=e-iydbC1rcstYBfTDGhh9g&s=09>