

Dear Friends and Colleagues -

I, like many of you, had a wonderfully restful break over the Easter holidays, but I have definitely hit the ground running in summer term! I sometimes wonder whether the swinging pendulum of periods of rest and periods of intense work is entirely healthy...

I was reflecting on this at church this week whilst listening to the biblical readings. One of the readings talked about the presence of God turning hard rock into a pool of water, the flint-stone into a spring well (Psalm 114.7-8).

I imagine we can all think of times when we have faced hard rock moments: limited resources, rising expectations, complex needs, and weighty responsibility for children, staff, and community. This biblical image reminds us that challenge is not a sign of God's absence, but often the very place where his presence is at work.

The Psalm reminds Christians that God is the one who brings refreshment where conditions seem dry. In our schools, this speaks to our need for renewed vision, wise decisions, and encouragement in demanding seasons. What feels challenging or exhausting can, in God's hands, become a source of life and growth. These are what one of my former colleagues used to call our 'probertunities'!

Above all, this passage offers me a message of hope. Together, we transform the experience of those facing tough circumstances and sustain those who belong in our communities. As summer term continues, I hope you notice springs of grace, courage, and joy emerging—even from the hardest ground.

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April & May dates for your diary...

-  **RE Cluster**
Tuesday 28th April, 1:30pm-3pm
-  **Preparing for SIAMS: Empowering All, a culture of active Justice and Responsibility**
Thursday 30th April 2026, 10am-12pm
-  **Assesment in RE**
Wednesday 6th May 2026, 1pm-3pm
-  **Headteacher Briefing**
Thursday 7th May 2026, 10am-11am
-  **Governor and Clerks to Governor Briefing**
Thursday 7th May 2026, 5:30pm-7pm
-  **Collective Worship Cluster**
Tuesday 12th May 2026, 4pm-5pm
-  **Governor Church School Induction**
Thursday 14th May 2026, 4pm-6pm

Upcoming LDBE Courses & Events

Date	Time	Course		Book Here
12/05/2026	16:00-17:00	Collective Worship Cluster	Online	Book
14/05/2026	16:00-18:00	Governor Church School Induction	Online	Book

Attachments

Please find attached information about the following:

- The National Society's fully funded Early Headship Coaching Offer.
- A Day of Welcome Teachers' Guide
- EYFS Network at Boston St Thomas