

Scottish Catholic Education Service

Strategic Priorities 2015 - 2018

priority	actions	working with
<p>Developing teachers & school leaders</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • encourage recruitment to teaching • inform ITE students about Catholic Education • provide support for students outwith G.U. • develop professional learning pathways for teachers & leaders in Catholic schools • develop accessible CLPL opportunities • monitor Approval system 	<p>CHAS & CHAPS University of Glasgow St Andrew's Foundation other universities Dioceses GTCS SCEL Scottish Government Councils</p>
<p>Forming young people</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • help schools to implement This is Our Faith • help teachers to teach and assess quality Religious Education • help teachers to deliver RSHP education • extend participation in Caritas Award and Faith Award • improve school evaluation processes • develop school resources for prayer & liturgy 	<p>Diocesan R.E. Advisers Education Scotland CHAS & CHAPS</p>
<p>Working with others</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • encourage greater awareness of Catholic education among Parents and others • promote a positive media profile for Catholic schools • develop positive relationships with Councils and Scottish Government • work with other Church groups • build relationships with other Catholic education networks • build capacity at SCES 	<p>Parent Group SCMO Councils Scottish Parliament Scottish Government ADES European Committee on Catholic Education UK/Irish Group</p>

Actions planned for 2015-16

A. Developing teachers & school leaders	details
A1. establish national group to develop recruitment strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establish group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to liaise with diocesan recruitment groups - to promote local events • continue to work with the University of Glasgow, through the Board of Catholic Education, to promote teaching in Catholic schools
A2. negotiate with universities for opportunities to brief ITE students about Catholic Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • make contact with University Schools of Education to prompt interest • local Diocesan staff will provide student briefings (where possible) • continue to provide input to courses at University of Glasgow
A3. negotiate with Scottish Government, GTCS & Universities to ensure that students can be placed appropriately in Catholic schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • negotiate agreement with major parties • national Student Placement working group will monitor impact on schools
A4. develop on-line R.E. provision for students at University of Edinburgh, with support from University Catholic Chaplaincy and Archdiocese	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • negotiate with senior University staff • consider suitability and accessibility of revised CREDL course • establish course writing team • recruit course contributors locally
A5. develop and pilot one-week induction course for teachers with no Catholic R.E. qualification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establish course writing team • recruit course contributors locally
A6. develop career-long professional learning (CLPL) pathways for teachers and aspiring leaders in Catholic schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • develop a route map through CLPL for teachers who wish to work in Catholic schools, ensuring links to national Leadership framework
A7. improve accessibility of CLPL opportunities to support teaching of religious education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • develop a bank of video materials to support CLPL • encourage provision of some courses out with school day • work with Diocesan R.E. Advisers to provide coherent programmes of CLPL
A8. revise Approval documentation & monitor effectiveness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • revise application & reference forms • publish information leaflets for teachers & students

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B. Forming young people	details
B1. help all schools to plan for effective R.E. teaching, using <i>This is Our Faith</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • encourage all schools to prioritise teaching of R.E. • support Diocesan R.E. Advisers to promote CLPL for R.E. teachers • publish resources for the 400th anniversary of the death of St John Ogilvie, with support of Diocesan R.E. Advisers
B2. help secondary schools to implement <i>This is Our Faith - <u>Senior Phase</u></i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • publish approved syllabus and raise awareness of it widely • disseminate outcomes of resource development for Senior Phase R.E. • develop materials which will promote an understanding of Catholic Social Teaching
B3. help teachers to use effective assessment approaches in R.E.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • working with Education Scotland, promote effective strategies for assessment in R.E. teaching
B4. help teachers to deliver RSHP education in line with Church teaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • advise schools on implementing statutory guidance on RSHP • support Diocesan R.E. Advisers to provide CLPL opportunities on <i>God's Loving Plan</i>
B5. extend participation in <i>Caritas Award</i> and <i>Faith Award</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • promote understanding of both awards in parishes and share best practice approaches in schools • moderate assessment of PFFA award and local presentation of awards • encourage all Primary schools to enrol pupils for PFFA in session 2015-16 • organise national Caritas Award ceremony and encourage recipients to remain engaged with the Church beyond school years
B6. improve Catholic school evaluation processes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • work with CHAS & CHAPS to develop resource (based on <i>Charter for Catholic Schools</i>) aimed at evaluating and strengthening a school's faith profile • provide training for school colleagues on use of resource • identify and share good practice in schools
B7. develop school resources for prayer & liturgy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establish a working group to develop advice and resources which will provide pupils with good experiences of prayer and liturgy in classroom & assembly hall

Actions planned for 2015-16

C. Working with others	details
C1. encourage greater awareness of Catholic education among Parents and others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • support work of Parental Involvement Working Group (PIWG) to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - encourage parents to be more involved in Catholic schools - help Parent Councils to be effective to promote Catholic schools - develop resources to help parents to support children’s faith formation • establish meetings of the Catholic Education Commission as a forum for discussion of significant issues affecting Catholic schools and the Church
C2. promote a positive media profile for Catholic schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • publish some articles on the “good news” of how Catholic schools contribute to the common good of society • identify some individuals who can respond to Media and on-line ‘debates’ which criticise Catholic schools
C3. develop positive relationships with Councils and Scottish Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • meet with officials and elected representatives of Councils and Scottish Government to discuss relevant issues
C4. build relationships with other Catholic education networks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • share information with colleagues involved in Catholic education across the UK and Europe in particular
C5. work with other Church groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • support Dioceses to establish and develop Diocesan Education Commissions to address local Education issues • make work of SCES known within the Church and collaborate with other Church groups, as appropriate • continue to meet with representatives of other Churches to share information about relevant educational issues
C6. build capacity at SCES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • encourage teachers, retired teachers and parents to commit time to support its efforts to promote Catholic education • develop arrangements to rotate responsibility for developing Catholic Education Week resources among Dioceses
C7. plan for succession at SCES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCES Executive Board, at the appropriate time, will prepare a succession plan to facilitate the appointment a new Director by the Bishops’ Conference.