

**Blessed are the headteachers
for they will make a difference**

especially in difficult times

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**Blessed
Headteachers
Making a difference**



**“Headteachers have powers at
their disposal with which Prime
Ministers have never yet been
invested.” (Winston Churchill)**



**The benefits of doing work that
connects with our beliefs and
values.**

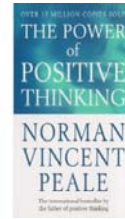


**“Fewer than 30% of non-headteacher school
leaders would describe headship as “the
best job in the world”, but once in the job,
90% of serving headteachers say just that.
Preconceived fears about workload fade in
the face of the actual satisfaction of having
professional autonomy, leadership and
influence.”**

(NCSL)



BE ATTITUDE



“Change your thoughts and you change your world.”



“Let the Spirit change your way of thinking and make you into a new person.”

(Ephesians 4:23 -24, CEV)



“have the same attitude of mind that Jesus had.”

(Philippians 2:5)



“Most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly. Amen”

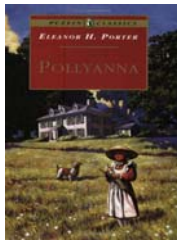
(Richard of Chichester)



Most types of behaviour and attitudes are formed by habit.



Habits and actions either diminish us or make us more fully human.



The Pollyanna Glad Game



"I feel very blessed to have two wonderful, healthy children who keep me completely grounded, and throw up on my shoes just before I go to an awards show just so I know to keep it real."

[Reese Witherspoon](#)



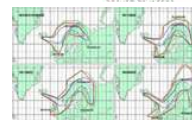
Sometimes, I feel I am really blessed to be blind because I probably would not last a minute if I were able to see things.

[Stevie Wonder](#)



Flights restricted

Ash clouds from Iceland's spewing volcano continues to halt air traffic across Europe on Friday



It is the Lord who goes before you, he will be with you; he will not fail you nor forsake you. Do not fear, or be dismayed. (Deuteronomy 31:8)



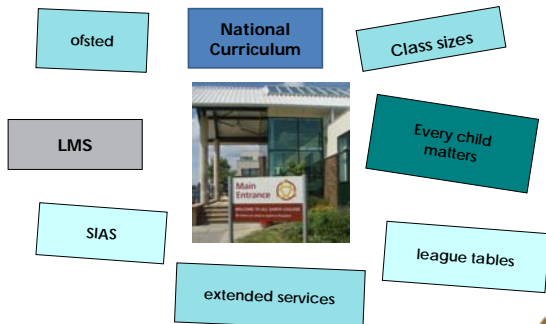
We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him... (Romans 8:28)



“I know what I have planned for you” says the Lord. “I have good plans for you. I don’t plan to hurt you. I plan to give you hope and a good future” (Jeremiah 29:11)



Headteachers



Church school head teachers are spiritual and academic leaders of the school. Excellence in headship requires visionary, inspired leadership and management centred on the school as a worshipping community, where educational and academic excellence for all pupils is pursued in a Christian context. (Dearing, 8.1)





The Christian faith offers to the Christian head teacher an independent framework of Christian values by which to test, affirm or critique the values offered and implicit within state education.



Values 1

- Truth
- The dignity and potential of human beings
- Justice
- Honesty
- The keeping of promises
- Simplicity
- The wise stewardship of resources
- The importance of rest and relaxation



Values 2

- The priority of worship in human life
- The universal need for redemption
- The power of forgiveness
- The importance of humility
- The shape of Christian hope
- The sense of God at work in human endeavour by the power of the Spirit
- The sense of purpose, vocation



Schools can explore 15 values to help them delve deeper into their distinctive character as church schools. This, in turn will enable schools to reflect upon how these values challenge the prevailing culture in society.



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“Not everything that counts can be counted and not everything that can be counted counts.”

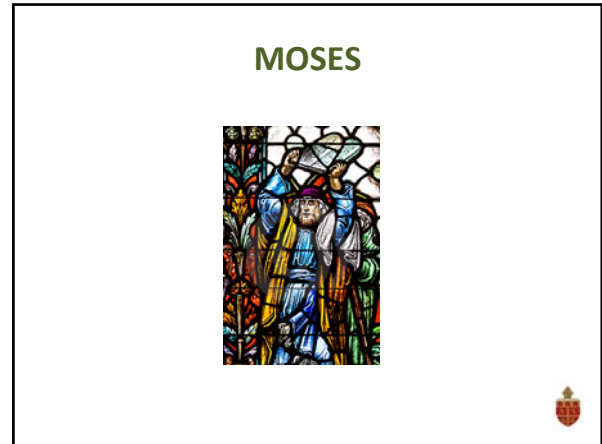
(Einstein)




“I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

(John 10:10)







“Dear Teacher,
 I am a survivor of a concentration camp. My eyes saw what no person should witness: gas chambers built by learned engineers; children poisoned by educated physicians; infants killed by trained nurses; women and babies shot and burned by high school and college graduates


 A small photograph of a snowy path leading through a wooded area. A small red shield logo is in the bottom right corner.

So, I am suspicious of education.
 My request is: help your students to become more human. Your efforts must never produce learned monsters, skilled psychopaths, educated Eichmanns.
 Reading, writing and arithmetic are important only if they serve to make our children more human.”


 A black and white photograph of a concentration camp entrance. A sign above the gate reads "ARBEIT MACHT FREI". A small red shield logo is in the bottom right corner.

“Trying to show young people what it means to live a fulfilled human life needs to be at the core of good education today.” (Dr Peter Vardy)


 A photograph of a smiling baby. A small red shield logo is in the bottom right corner.

**Aristotle emphasised the search
for our common humanity.**



There are ways of behaving that diminish us as human beings and other ways of living that enhance us and help us fulfil our potential.

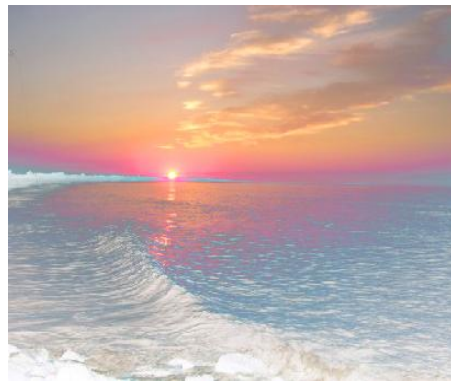


Life in all its fullness



“The reason the Church of England is knee-deep in education is because it is committed to helping human beings live full and flourishing lives.”

(Jan Ainsworth, Guardian article May '09)



**Providing an education which stretches the mind,
strengthens the body
enriches the imagination,
nourishes the spirit,
encourages the will to do good, and
opens the heart to others.**

