



LEADING LEARNING

Dear colleagues

We continue to thank you for all you're doing to support and lead the learning of students right across the country. In this new season, the Easter holidays will have of course felt different, and today is of course a rather different start to term to normal!

We continue our 'Called, Connected, Committed' series today with 'Leading Learning', the very first of the leadership practices in our core document available at www.cedef.org.uk/cc

We're also delighted to be joined for this issue by Dame Alison Peacock, Chief Executive of the Chartered College of Teaching, for a podcast. I've been a Fellow of the College for some time, and it was great to sit down and record a podcast with Alison on this subject – so please do take a listen to this by [clicking here](#).

Even in these unprecedented times, when schools have been called upon to fulfil such broad-ranging roles in their communities, leading in education still starts with the call to learn and teach – even if remotely! Perhaps in many ways, that might feel even more important in these times, particularly when we're seeking to keep our school communities together and learning well together from a distance.

There is fantastic energy and collaboration happening within and between schools in sharing planning and development, and we've been delighted to be part of the newly launched **Oak National Academy** - <https://www.thenational.academy/> We'll be sharing more about this over the coming days, but it is a great privilege to work alongside such a range of key thinkers nationally to plan and develop this key resource for teachers – so please do go on and take a look.

Do continue to share and use 'Called, Connected, Committed' with your teams – all the back issues are available on the website too.

With all our continued encouragement and prayers for the start to the new term,

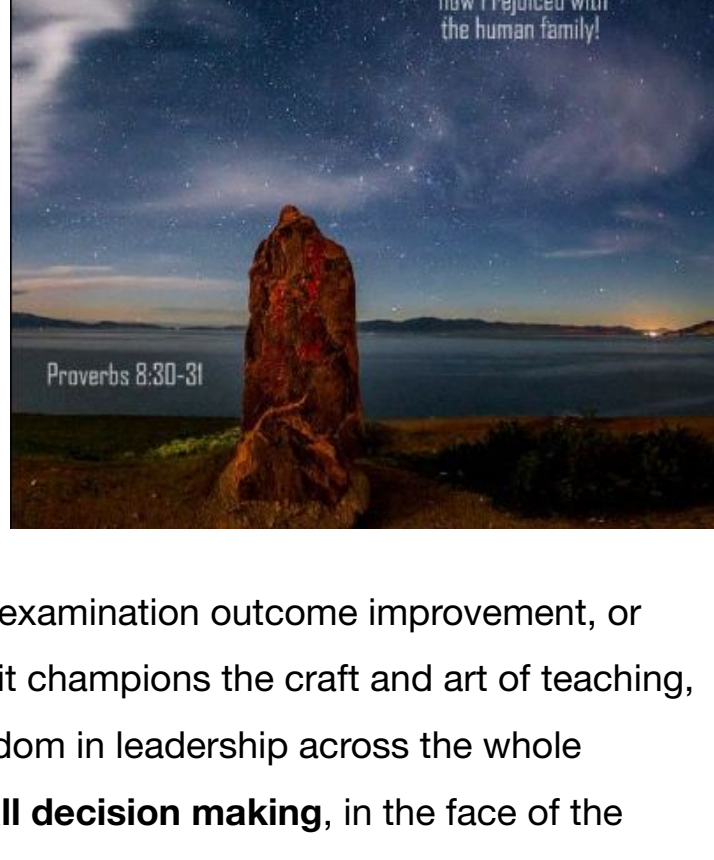
Andy Wolfe - Deputy Chief Education Officer (Leadership Development)

This week, our reflection is read by **Dame Alison Peacock**, Chief Executive of the Chartered College. Dame Alison then discusses **Leading Learning** in conversation with Andy Wolfe.

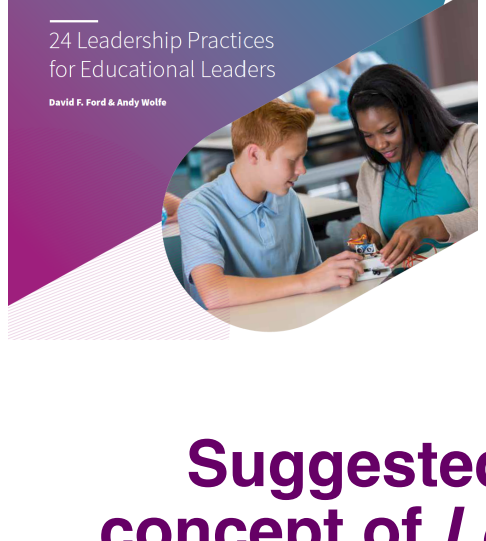
Leading Learning Reflection & Conversation (Audio Version) - click here to listen

Leading Learning Reflection (Extract)

A leader in education is called to love those who are being taught. The wisdom of love and the love of wisdom go together, and this means that the teacher longs for the full flourishing of the pupils. This desire motivates both a vocation to all-round education of the whole person and also keeping up with best practice in the field, acquiring better teaching skills, and drawing on relevant sources for improving our leadership.



Leading learning cannot be reduced to leading examination outcome improvement, or instructional pedagogical competence. Rather, it champions the craft and art of teaching, raises its status as a profession, and seeks wisdom in leadership across the whole curriculum. It places children at the heart of all decision making, in the face of the immense challenges of competing demands and scarce resources. The leader also proactively makes time and space for their own adult learning and professional development, prayer, reflection, refreshment, and rest.



To read the reflection in full visit: www.cedef.org.uk/learning/

Suggested resources to reflect on the concept of Leading Learning where you are

Each week, we are featuring one of the schools that took part in St Paul's Cathedral's #hymnflashmob. This week, Hernhill CE Primary in Canterbury Diocese (which also boasts the family singing 'One Day' from Les Miserables – the COVID19 version!) singing a timely and well-loved song: My Lighthouse

'Leading in education starts with the call to learn and teach...' It has been so overwhelming to see how school leaders and their staff have worked throughout their Easter holidays, to ensure that their pupils can keep learning, stay as safe as possible and have food to eat. They have dealt with Early Years admissions, seeking clarification for statutory assessments and are now working to procure technological equipment for families so they can access learning at home. Yet, despite all this, they have continued to serve their wider communities, for example by making goggles and protective equipment in their DT departments! What an incredible profession.

Two social media posts: St Mary's & St John's... We'd like to reach out to organisations in the local community who might benefit from our face shields... Diocese Bath & Wells liked The Blue School @Blue... Wow! Our DT staff have outdone themselves. 251 PPE visors manufactured in school this week.

'A response to the wonder of creation, and to the amazing richness of the ways of appreciating it...' 'So Will I: 100 Billion X' from Hillsong Worship helps reflect upon the wonder of creation, and of the Creator who spoke it into being.

'A leader in education is called to love those who are being taught...' Rita Pierson explains what she has learnt from a 40-year career in education: 'kids don't learn from people they don't like'. Watch her inspiring TED Talk:

Quote: "Every child deserves a champion: an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists they become the best they can possibly be." - Rita Pierson, Educator

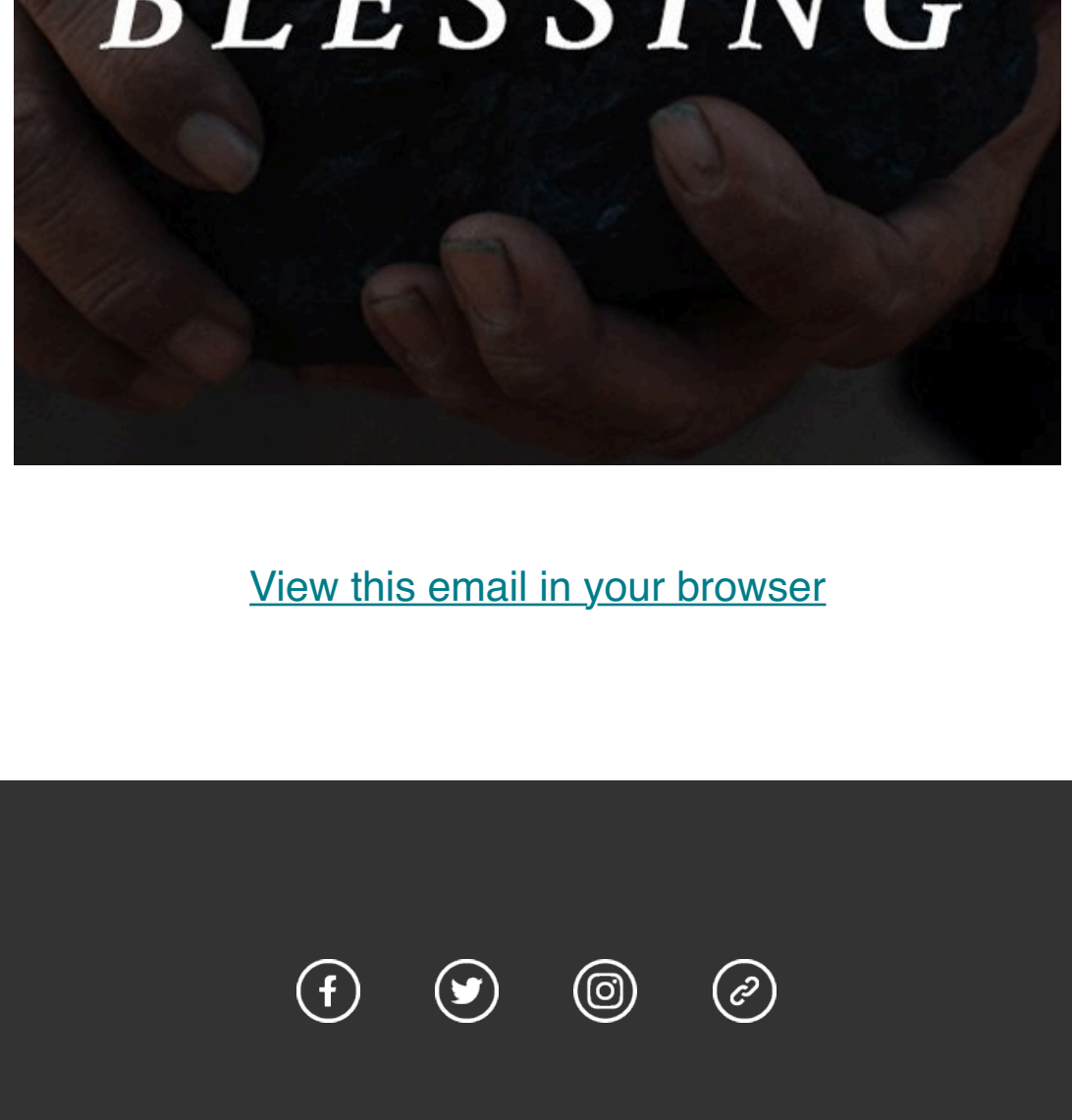
Video: 'The teacher longs for the full flourishing of the pupils...' 'After wind, after rain, when the dark is done... There's a voice I can hear, that will lead me home.' 'The Road Home' (sung by Voces8, written by Stephen Paulus)

'The leader proactively makes time and space for... professional development, prayer, reflection, refreshment and rest.' Increasingly, people are rediscovering ancient traditions of spirituality. Creating a Rule of Life, like these resources from Winchester Diocese suggest, can help manage a difficult season like the one we are in now. Introducing the Ignatian Examen into your daily routine can help make sense of your emotional responses throughout the day. This particular Examen has been written to provide support through the pandemic. Immersing oneself in a particular text can also be helpful, aiming to see it afresh and see what new insights arise. The practice of Lectio Divina can help in seeing Biblical passages this way.

What spiritual practices help you develop, reflect and rest? RULE OF LIFE

A Prayer for School Leaders

Lord Jesus Christ You yourself were a leader, Now you call us to lead our schools through uncertainty. May we do so, relying on your strength. You yourself were a learner, Now you call us to learn new ways of working. May we do so, seeking after your wisdom. You yourself were a teacher, Now you call us to teach away from our classrooms. May we do so, enabling understanding just as you did. You yourself were a listener, Now you call us to listen to the needs of our families. May we do so, discerning how best to show your love. You yourself gathered people to you, Now you call us to gather our communities from a distance. May we do so, embodying your compassion. You yourself took the time to rest, Now you call us to rest our tired souls and bodies. May we do so, trusting in your unending faithfulness. As you led, learnt, taught, listened, gathered and rested, May we too follow in your footsteps, Knowing that you see us, hear us, understand us and walk with us. Lord Jesus Christ. Amen



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