

## Forthcoming Religious Education In-service &amp; Opportunity for Senior Cycle Students

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David McGuinness,  
Principal,

Dear David,

Hope you keep well.

**In-service**

The Elphin diocese will host a Religious Education in-service for RE teachers and Chaplains in Gleeson's Townhouse, Market Square, Roscommon, on Monday February 23rd (day after mid-term break, from 9.45 am to 3.30 pm).

We would appreciate if you could encourage and facilitate the participation of all teachers who teach Religious Education. Principals are also welcome to participate. The costs, including lunch, will be borne by the diocese.

The main inputs will be provided by Rev. [REDACTED] Lecturer in Religious Education & Theological Studies, St. Angela's College, Sligo, and [REDACTED] a recently retired teacher who now works with the Department of Education & Skill's PDST (Professional Development Services for Teachers) Unit.

[REDACTED] will present his *Religious Themes in TV Drama* and draw from his *Google Tools for Teachers* course. He will help participants identify how religious themes are explored in TV Drama (incl. serious drama, comedies, animated series etc.) and offer useful clips that can be used in the classroom etc. to illustrate themes covered in Junior and Senior Cycle, exam and non-exam.

I have emailed the teachers on my e-mailing list but if someone is new to teaching RE they may not be aware of this.

**Opportunity for Senior Cycle Students**

The attached PDF file contains a brochure launched by Bishop Kevin Doran and students from all five Sligo Post-Primary Schools last week (Catholic, Church of Ireland and ETB). We are keen to bring it to the attention of all current TY and Pre-Leaving Cert students and their families.

Over the coming days [REDACTED] or I hope to drop a bundle into your school and to speak briefly with the TY and Pre-Leaving Cert teachers about it.

The brochure will also circulate through parishes. For more on this, including information on scholarships, see [www.elphindiocese.ie/summerschools](http://www.elphindiocese.ie/summerschools).

Thanks again for all you and your colleagues are doing vis-a-vis the holistic development of your Catholic pupils.

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