

EDUCATION MATTERS

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Education Matters is designed to provide parents and those interested in education with current “snippets” and links to information that might be of help in understanding and dealing with educational issues and bringing up children in a society that, on the whole, does not hold any respect for biblical teaching.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF CVIE

Dear Friends and Supporters of Christian Values in Education,

Welcome to another edition of *Education Matters*, a summary of recent findings and articles which we trust will be helpful for you. So often we can be so busy with the daily responsibilities of our personal lives that can be diluted to the challenges and problems in our broken society, especially if our spheres don't require us to mix more broadly. Conversely, those who do can become sanitised to these things and don't stop to consider the perplexing issues that face us. This issue contains a variety of articles from SEND to teaching our children about managing their money as good stewards.

Since the last edition of *Education Matters*, there have been constant reminders in the media of the very challenging circumstances over the Assisted Dying Bill, as well as the further denegation of human life through the vote by MPs in June to decriminalise abortion through the Crime and Policing Bill. Coming in the same week, it was a heavy blow for those who respect the sanctity of life and wish to see right laws upheld, to remember that our breath is only granted to us by Almighty God, who sees our every step, action and thought. We continue to pray for all involved in seeking to campaign against the Assisted Dying Bill that Parliament may yet be brought to acknowledge our Creator, the only One who controls, orders, sustains and pardons sins.

It was wonderful to see so many of our supporters at the recent National Conference at the end of September. We were so thankful that the day proved to be a blessing to many, and especially that our speakers were so helped in speaking on a number of important issues. Another big thank you to all who worked so hard to ensure that the day ran smoothly.

I hope that you will be able to join us for our final Online Meet-Up of the year, which takes place this Friday evening starting at 8 p.m. We are looking forward to hosting Steve Beegoo, Head of Education at Christian Concern and also representing the Christian Schools Trust. Steve will be speaking about current issues generally, as well as updating us on some encouraging signs in new schools starting up and more broadly.

We read of Joshua's faithful leadership of the Children of Israel through Jordan and the conquest of Jericho, and all that followed. Though surrounded by seemingly insurmountable trouble and trials, they proved the goodness of the Lord who appeared for them so remarkably. May we be given the same faith, to be strong and of a good courage as we carry on in our lives, looking unto Jesus, and through His grace alone.

With Christian greetings
Dan Sayers

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[What is the Bible's view on the earth's age? The Bible's History is World History](#)

Every Christian schoolchild will experience a science lesson – likely, many and often – where the unchallenged assumption is that the Earth is millions or billions of years old. What answer might they make? What can they say to rebut what seems like the overwhelming consensus? This conversation is wide-ranging – including genealogies, ancient Egyptian history, carbon dating, etc. – and demonstrates how to reconcile the Bible timeline with the dates proposed by modern science. The discussion progresses helpfully to the deeper questions relating to how these issues impact beliefs about creation and the Fall and directly influence the purpose and message of redemption.

[How To Teach Kids Theology](#)

The privilege of teaching and training children allows for regular opportunities to teach truths that will change hearts and transform lives. Here is a resource to teach the teachers the principles and practices they need to instruct children with conviction and competency. It will be a help to any involved in teaching children - ministry leaders, Christian schoolteachers, or anyone else who is involved in helping big truths make sense to little hearts.

[Helping students overcome a fear of failure](#)

Among the most common mental attitudes hindering the pursuit of a genuine education by young people is fear of failure. Parents and teachers who want students to receive a genuine, intellectually maturing, personally enriching education – and not simply formal marks on a report card filed away – will need to overcome the fear of failure.

[KC's devastating verdict on Schools Bill threat to family life](#)

IN A dramatic escalation of the national debate over the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill, which has its Second Reading in the Lords tomorrow, a leading King's Counsel (KC) has issued a devastating legal opinion, warning that key provisions of the Bill contravene fundamental constitutional principles and human rights protections.

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[Welcome Interruptions: The Discipline of Instructing Your Children](#)

Interruptions can serve to remind of the vital importance of loving, nurturing, and caring for our children, even when doing so seems to “get in the way” of the many tasks and duties that are required of a parent every day.

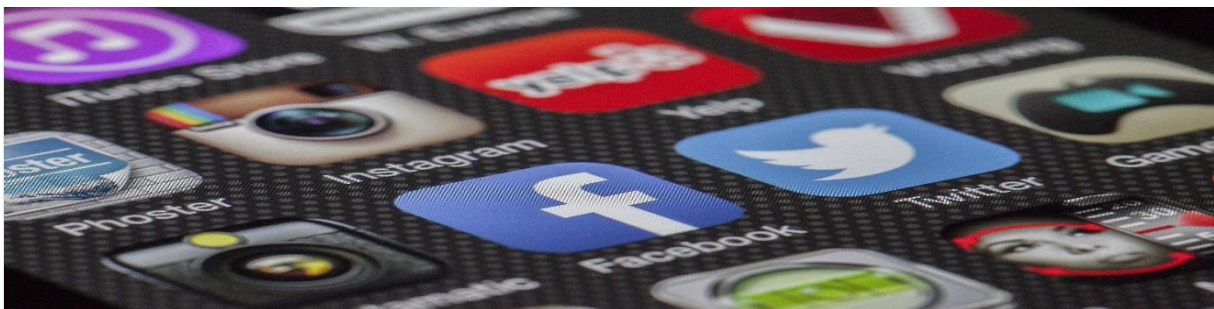
[5 things I'd like my kids to learn about money](#)

In the area of money, as in so many other areas of life, we don't all have to be the same – though each approach to money has strengths to be encouraged and weaknesses to be corrected. As we acknowledge our natural and God-given differences, also when it comes to handling money, what principles are universal – and biblical? Here are a few for children to learn.

[The global Flood—according to the New Testament](#)

At some point, every child in school will be confronted with a challenge to the Biblical Flood narrative, where Genesis 1–11 is treated as mythical, copied from other ancient writings. It is distressing that many believers accept what is little more than the accusation that Genesis offers only a primitive myth. This article looks at what Jesus believed and what the New Testament tells us about the circumstances surrounding Noah's Flood.

TECHNOLOGY



['The harm is staggering': Jonathan Haidt on how smartphones and social media are fuelling the youth mental health crisis](#)

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According to the Canadian Mental Health Association, many increasing numbers of young people are feeling anxious or depressed. American social psychologist Jonathan Haidt believes that smartphones and social media are to blame for much of the youth mental health crisis, setting out “four foundational harms” affecting children’s health.

[Teaching union: ‘Smartphones give kids unfettered access to porn’](#)

The leader of the UK’s largest education union has warned about the harm to children from easy access to pornography on smartphones. It is feared that children with mobile devices in school may even be viewing harmful content while in the classroom.

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[Parenting a Special Needs Child](#)

Parenting a child with special needs is not easy and is often misunderstood. A mother shares important insights and encouragements, and relates how much trust in God carries her through.

[The Important Parenting Differences Between Moms and Dads](#)

This article provides vital insight not just for parents but also for educators. There is a fundamental difference when it comes to parenting children, a fact corroborated by an overwhelming body of careful medical, psychological and social science research on the importance of mothers and fathers to healthy child development. Recognizing this will positively affect family life, and the failure to recognize this can lead to problems.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

07 November 2025

CViE Online Meet-Up – ‘On the Front Line in Education’ – Steve Beegoo
Online Zoom Meeting @ 8:00 p.m.

Steve Beegoo will be joining us to speak about his work both with the Christian Schools Trust and as Christian Concern’s Head of Education. Steve will share some of the challenges he and other Christians currently face, but also some of the amazing and encouraging ways God is appearing for his church in the world of education in the UK.

Finally ...

Please let us know if there are any topics that you feel should be covered in *Education Matters*. If you come across any issues at all that may be of interest to supporters of CViE, please let us know by emailing: enquiries@cvie.org.uk.

We would acknowledge the Lord’s goodness in providing for the work of CViE, and if you are able to contribute to our continued work please [donate here](#).

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The Lord grant us a spirit of prayer, that He might help parents and those involved in education to hold fast to the Word of God and that He might watch over children and young people and keep them from the dangers that would corrupt them.

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