



COMMON GOOD SCHOOLS

A flexible ten-week programme



**A school rooted in its
community can be a force
for the Common Good**

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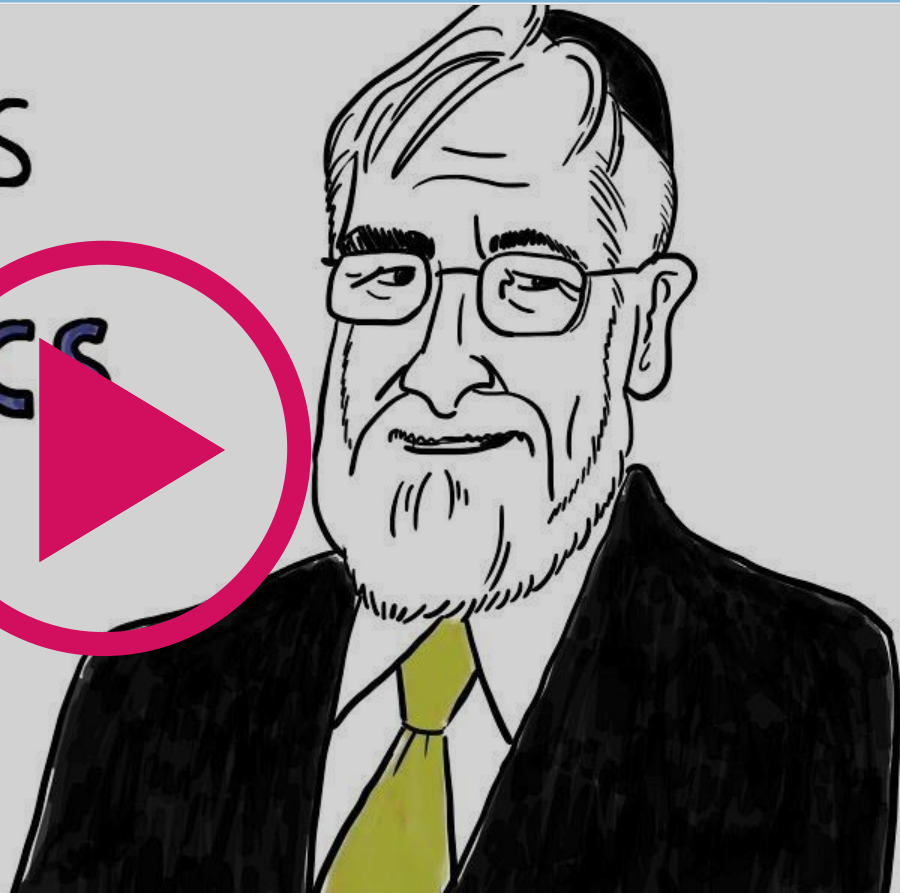
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Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks,
a British Orthodox rabbi, philosopher,
theologian, and author.



School - a force for the Common Good

A school acting as a hub in its local context can be **catalyst** to...

- Encourage young people to take **responsibility**
 - Form **character**
 - Bring people **together**
 - **Link** local institutions, strengthen civil society
 - Generate **neighbourhood pride**
 - Foster communities in which all can **flourish**
- ...build the **Common Good**



Common Good Schools programme

Aims

- Encourages young people to take **responsibility** for their unique vocation in relationship with others
- Positions the school as a force for the Common Good in its **local area**
- Develops **character** education
- Brings the Common Good alive

Who is it for?

- Suitable for all ages across KS3 and KS4
- Can be scaled up to Post-16 and below KS3
- All schools – non-religious language suitable for all

When and how can it be delivered?

- Bespoke to the school
- Assemblies suitable for whole-school or year group setting
- Lesson material is designed to be **flexible**. Tasks can be cherry-picked, they can be delivered in variety of contexts and should be delivered in order
- By a range of educational professionals including RE specialists, SLT, school chaplains, pastoral leaders, those responsible for SMSC or PSHE

COMMON GOOD PRINCIPLES run throughout the programme

The Principles resonate with universal ethics while rooted in the Christian Gospel.

CST written in non-religious language and illustrated in colourful graphics



The COMMON GOOD



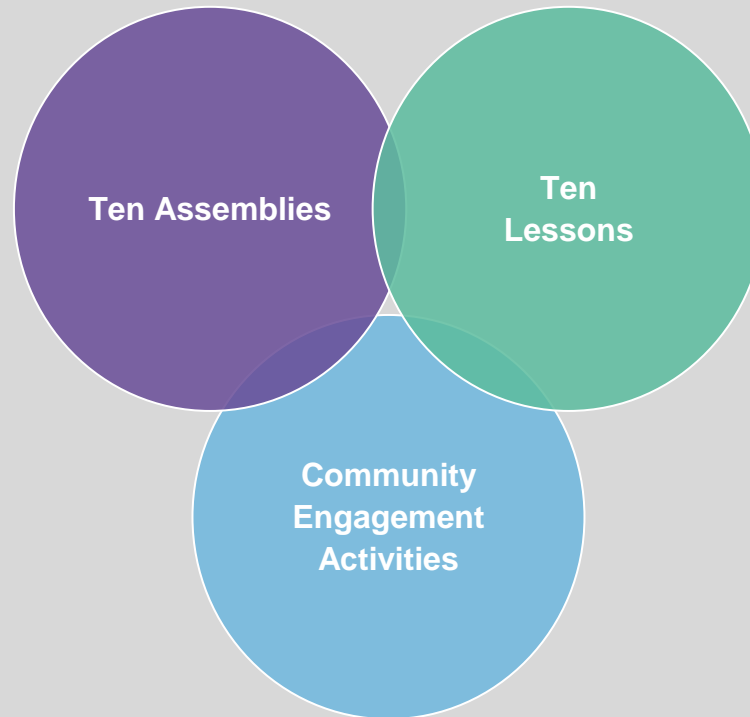
Stewardship



Everyone is included, no one is left behind

Three components

A 10-week 'off the shelf' programme consisting of 3 core components:



Components are linked by a coherent thematic structure, with built-in flexibility.

The ideal: components are delivered in conjunction with one another.

How it works

10 Assemblies

- Written to be read straight from the presentation
- Delivered to whole school or year group
- Includes a weekly challenge for students

10 Lessons

- Complements the theme of the related assembly
- Lesson plan, presentation and resource sheets all provided
- Concept for the week is explored in detail
- The lesson's tasks can be cherry picked
- Ends with a weekly challenge linked to assembly

Community Engagement Activities (CEA)

- The practical out-working of the Common Good principles through activities across the ten weeks
- A small planning group, led by staff and key members of the local community, organises interventions involving young people
- Guide to CEA provided during training and on CGS website

Measuring impact – is the school community taking the principles on board?

- A set of **easy-to-use measuring tools** enables staff and students to track outcomes
- **Students** complete Student Health Check cards/Health Check Polls, **rewarded with postcards and/or stickers**
- **T4CG Schools project leader and Staff coordinator CPD** meetings to evaluate and **capture impact** and **support staff**

Thematic structure

Week and Theme	Assembly	Lesson Plan	Example Community Engagement Activity
Week 1: What is the Common Good?	✓	✓	Neighbourhood mapping
Week 2: Where is the Common Good found?	✓	✓	Neighbourhood mapping
Week 3: Who is valued?	✓	✓	Local speakers invited
Week 4: What is valued in a person?	✓	✓	Local speakers invited
Week 5: What can others teach us?	✓	✓	Visit local organisation
Week 6: What do I have to offer?	✓	✓	Invited local groups
Week 7: What about difference?	✓	✓	Visit local places of worship
Week 8: Do I take my responsibilities seriously?	✓	✓	Local speakers invited
Week 9: Who has been left behind?	✓	✓	Review neighbourhood mapping
Week 10: The story so far...	✓	✓	Celebration event with neighbourhood partners

Community Engagement Activities

Week 2: Where is the Common Good found?



Week 4: What is valued in a person?



Week 5: What can others teach us?



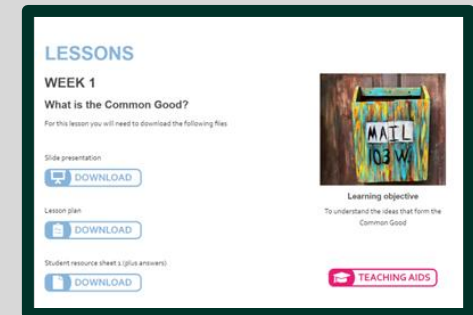
Week 7: What about difference?



Resources new website launching in October

- ✓ **Ten ready to use Lesson Plans** each with a ready to use Presentation and accompanying Student Resources worksheets
- ✓ **Ten ready to use Assembly Presentations**
- ✓ **Community Engagement Activities Guide**
- ✓ **Common Good Health Check Card** to monitor student progress
- ✓ **Reward Postcards and Stickers**
- ✓ **Information to help you make the most of your subscription**

Access to subscriber's area of the website provided following a T4CG led training day for staff



Resources are provided via the new CGS website commongoodschools.co.uk launching in October

Download and print as needed.

Helping you meet Ofsted criteria

Common Good Schools helps young people to:

Ofsted criteria

- Develop spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) awareness ✓
- Learn about themselves, encouraging reflection, enjoyment and fascination ✓
- Discover constructive roles they can play within the context of the local community ✓
- Use their imagination and creativity ✓
- Value not only their own but each other's gifts and abilities ✓
- Appreciate the value and dignity of every human person ✓
- Understand the consequence of behaviour and actions ✓
- Develop an interest in investigating and appreciating the viewpoints of others ✓
- Build a deeper understanding of personal responsibility and purpose ✓
- Strengthen their moral character ✓
- **Helping with Catholic Schools Inspection and SIAMS criteria** ✓

Common Good Schools package

New school partners £450 (maximum cost)	Training for all staff delivering content 2.5 hours, in-person Schools can come together and share cost of training	£250
	Full access to CGS resources for 12 months Check-in sessions x 2 (for your school's coordinator and all staff delivering CGS) Plus, CPD including peer to peer support for all staff delivering content	£200
Ongoing annual subscription £200	Full access to CGS resources for 12 months CPD sessions x 2 (for your school's coordinator and all staff delivering CGS) Plus, peer to peer Support	£200
T4CG Bursary Fund applications welcomed		

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This introduction is from *Together for the Common Good*, a charity working to strengthen the bonds of social trust.

T4CG call people to fulfil their vocational responsibility by putting Common Good principles into practice and by working with others of different opinions and backgrounds in shared purpose.