

**Who or what is CATSC?
A message from the President, Andrew Sowerby.**



- It is the Catholic Association of Teachers Schools and Colleges and is the only national organisation that represents Catholic Schools throughout the country
- It is a member of the World Union of Catholic Teachers (WUCT)
- Its aims are very simple
 - a. To create a network of support for all who work in Catholic Education and for all other Catholic teachers.
 - b. To promote Catholic Education and Catholic Schools throughout the country.
 - c. To be prepared to act as a voice for Catholic education.
 - d. To maintain and develop links with international organisations serving Catholic education.
 - e. To promote the development of the distinctive nature of Catholic education.
 - f. To safeguard the interests of Catholic education.
 - g. To act in the best interests of all who work in our schools and other Catholic teachers to become members

How is it organised?

- It comprises an Executive Council with a president, vice president, secretary etc as well as representatives from all sectors of Catholic Education who meet three to four times a year to plan INSET for schools, discuss issues affecting Catholic Education and sponsor research into aspects of Catholic Education to name just a few.

What benefits will membership of CATSC bring to me or my school?

These are numerous

- Firstly access to reduced rate when attending any of the INSET Conferences arranged by the association each year. Currently the association runs a national study conference and a secondary head teacher's conference annually. Next years Annual Study Conference is to be held in Chester over the weekend of the 24th/25th April 2010.
- All member schools receive two free copies of the magazine Networking which publishes articles on Catholic Education as well as reporting on events in Catholic Schools across the country
- Access to a dedicated helpline for all staff work in Catholic Schools
- A half termly copy of the association newspaper the Vine which publishes articles on Catholic Education and the work of Catholic Schools
- Access to free resources for assemblies and use in the classroom on the association website
- Access to a free memory stick through the scheme being offered by memory4 teachers at [memory4 teachers.co.uk](http://memory4teachers.co.uk)

What does membership of the Association cost?

- Membership costs vary according to the size of the school but currently for a school the size of mine it is £75.00 per year. It's a small price to pay for what you receive.
- Finally as I know some of you will be members so I am preaching to the converted but there may be some who haven't heard of the organisation or wondered what we did so I would ask those who not to consider joining and therefore strengthening the voice of the association.