



Report to Lancashire SACRE: June 2023

- 17 primary schools attended our most recent RE training course on 23rd June. The purpose of the course was to support teachers in planning a unit of work following the field of enquiry. Emphasis was placed on vocabulary, the use of sacred texts and an enquiry based approach.
- The second recruitment round for a primary consultant will close on 10th July. There has been some interest and we hope that there will be at least one application. Interviews are scheduled for 19th July at County Hall. There has been considerable interest from teachers in VA CE schools who had not realised that there would be a requirement for knowledge of the LAS.
- Following the KS3 survey, a detailed analysis was undertaken of the websites of those maintained secondary schools that did not respond. 4 schools have been identified who would benefit from contact from the SACRE. It was agreed at the QSS that a letter will be sent to these schools reminding them of their responsibilities and also offering them a free training session from Joanne Harris. Joanne has indicated that she can do this in September.
- The RE hub website has been launched. The address is: [Explore RE in your Region \(re-hubs.uk\)](https://www.re-hubs.uk)
- The KS3 pupil debate has been moved to the autumn term. Date TBC.
- Wigan Local Authority have decided to buy into our syllabus. Admin are currently sorting out the paperwork to allow access to our materials.
- The SACRE development plan will be evaluated at the October meeting and re written for the next 2 year period. Good attendance will be needed at this meeting so that all members can contribute.
- The LA officer is in discussion with RE Today for support on hosting a CW workshop for teachers and also providing future training on 'ways of knowing RE'.
- Examples of projects undertaken by other SACREs through Westhill Award Funding:
 - Bristol SACRE – Pairs of KS3 pupils interview representatives of different faiths/ worldviews. This was part of a larger debate/ discussion forum
 - Leicester SACRE – A new Peace Tour was devised for the city. This led to a scheme of work on peace from KS1 – KS4 linked to Collective Worship material.
 - Luton SACRE – A Climate Justice project was created based on the theme 'faith, nature, earth and climate'. This led to an exhibition of work.
 - Bromley SACRE– pupils were asked to pose 'big questions' to SACRE members relating to their faith.
 - Leeds SACRE- A film of a local synagogue was created to support teaching of the LAS.
 - Nottinghamshire SACRE – Materials were created to show the impact of faiths/ worldviews on social projects across the county.

A possible project for Lancashire SACRE? Any ideas?

It would be good to create a series of VLOGs, perhaps in partnership with Building Bridges to support teaching of the LAS. At KS2 identified themes are:

Christianity

- How Christians use the Bible (Y4)
- How Christians serve God e.g. the Salvation Army (Y3)
- What does it mean to be a disciple? (Y3)
- How does the Holy Spirit inspire Christians? (Y3)
- Christianity – how does the Holy Spirit inspire you in your worship? (Y3)
- What is sacrificial love? What does a Christian do during lent? (Y4)
- What are parables? How do they guide a Christian? (Y4)
- What happens if you are tempted to do a bad thing? (Y5)
- What is a miracle? How can this lead to pilgrimage? (Y5)
- How is Christianity a living, diverse faith? What do Christians understand by the Trinity? (Y5)
- What does it mean to repent (atone for your sins?) Is forgiveness sometimes a hard thing to do? (Y6)
- What happens at the Eucharist? Why is this important to Christians? (Y6)
- Why would someone be baptised or confirmed? Why happens at these ceremonies? (Y6)

Hindu Dharma

- Why Hindus participate in the festival of Raksha Bandhan, the importance of worship at a home shrine (Y3)
- Why Hindus participate in the festival of Diwali (Y4)
- Why Hindus celebrate the festival of Holi (Y5)
- What is a Sacred Thread Ceremony? (Y6)

Islam

- Why and how Muslims undertake Zakat – the third pillar of Islam (Y3)
- Why do Muslims fast during Ramadan?
- Why is the Qur'an the ultimate authority for Muslims?
- Why is it important for a Muslim to go on Hajj?

Sikh Dharam

- The festival of Baisakhi. Reverence to the Guru Granth Sahib (Y3)
- What happens in the Gurdwara? (Y4)

Judaism

- Why is the Torah important to Jews? What happens in the synagogue? (Y5)

Buddhism

- What is the 8 fold path? Why do Buddhists meditate?