

## Report to Lancashire SACRE: April 2019

- The free **network meetings** were well attended at all venues: Hapton, Lea, Bowerham and Scarisbrick. All were led by Joanne Harris as Sonia remains absent from work. We remain indebted to Joanne as this created lots of extra work at short notice.
- A two day workshop, led by Angela Hill (RE Today), is now being advertised for September 19 for **teachers of GCSE Religious Studies**. It will be repeated in 2020.

*The aim of the course is to give practical strategies to strengthen students' responses to questions; avoiding common pitfalls. Angela has extensive knowledge of external examinations in Religious Studies in England in Wales. As well as being a longstanding examiner, she has provided training throughout England for Eduqas and has undertaken extensive consultancy and authorship contracts to support the reformed qualifications. She has also co-authored commercial textbooks to support the new GCSE in Wales.*

- Training for the 'SHARES' cluster in Skelmersdale is being provided by Joanne on 8<sup>th</sup> May.
- Other autumn term training opportunities will be planned at the end of the summer term.
- The newsletter was circulated to schools at the end of March. Please see attached.
- A letter and click form will be sent to all schools in June requesting the **annual submission of attainment data** for Y2 and Y6. Schools will be signposted to the new end of key stage assessment overviews to support their judgements. A short survey will be included as part of the submission with more detailed answers being requested at KS3. This year the survey will also ask schools to provide data on the number of parental **requests for withdrawal**. Results will be reported to the SACRE in the autumn term. Thanks to John Wilson for writing the withdrawal guidance for schools. This is now uploaded to the website.
- Work to update the syllabus continues. Practically all of the 42 exemplifications have been re written to align with the revised long term curriculum overview and progressive assessment grids. EYFS units are outstanding and will be hopefully written by September. Re writing the syllabus as taken far longer than expected due to other demands on the time of the LA officer and consultant.
- Schools are now preparing for the introduction of a new EIF (Education Inspection Framework) from September 2019. The draft handbook is out to consultation. It is recommended that the SACRE Development Plan target: *1.4: Schools have the tools available to self-evaluate their own practice and set internal targets for improvement*. Should be amended to reflect new Ofsted expectations relating to the curriculum (for a brief summary of Ofsted Changes please see below).
- LCC has once again committed to funding the work of the SACRE and the budget allowance for 19/20 remains the same as that provided in previous years.
- The DFE have recently released a FAQ report relating to the new SRE and health framework. Please see attached.

- An evaluation of the current SDP will be provided in July 2019.