

RE Newsletter

Northamptonshire

23/05/2018

Summer Term

Welcome back!

Welcome to the summer RE newsletter. I would like to thank all the different people and schools who have contributed over the past eighteen months to the new Agreed Syllabus.

Agreed Syllabus 2018-2023

The new syllabus was launched on the 3rd May at an RE conference attended by 160 teachers from Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire, Peterborough, Rutland and beyond. There were two key note speakers, Dr Kathryn Wright and Dr Janet Orchard who spoke about the need for a greater religious literacy in our schools and the role of a multi faith approach to Religious Education. The teachers then took part in a number of workshops to help support outstanding RE in our schools.

Over the coming months we will be running twilight events for all teachers on 'Planning and Using the New Agreed Syllabus'. These will be held across

Cambridgeshire,
Northamptonshire,
Peterborough and Rutland.
The cost will be £25 per person. Please see below for times and venues and how to book.

The new syllabus is now available as a downloadable document from the Learn Together website for implementation as of September 2018.

"Great to meet up with other colleagues and to share ideas. It was good to learn more about the new syllabus, which was my main motivation for attending the conference. The venue and facilities were excellent. I found the humanist presentation particularly inspiring along with the two keynote speakers."

Agreed Syllabus Roadshows



This session explains how to use the new Agreed Syllabus in connection with planning an outstanding RE curriculum. It will cover the statutory requirements for the new RE syllabus as of September 2018 and how to plan for an enquiry lead RE curriculum.

21st and 26th June

3.45 – 5.15 pm

Cost £25 per person

At

One Angel Square

Angel Street

NN1 1ED

For bookings and any queries please contact

SAcre@northamptonshire.gov.uk

Statutory Requirements of RE

We would like to remind all schools of their statutory duty regarding RE and the school curriculum. RE is an important curriculum subject. It is important in its own right and also makes a unique contribution to the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils and supports wider community cohesion. The Government is keen to ensure all pupils receive high-quality RE. Although there is not a National Curriculum for RE, all maintained schools must follow the National Curriculum requirements to teach a broad and balanced curriculum, which includes RE. All maintained schools therefore have a statutory duty to teach RE. Academies and free schools are contractually required, through the terms of their funding agreement, to make provision for the teaching of RE.

Further details can be found on the following websites;

<http://www.natre.org.uk/about-re/legalrequirements/>

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/190260/DCSF-00114-2010.pdf

Primary data

A reminder that the end of Key Stage data for primary schools will not be asked for again this year. From September 2018 schools should be using the new primary assessment documents as part of the new agreed syllabus. Data will be asked for as of July 2019 from all primary schools.

Training

There will be a training workshop on Collective Worship and SMSC on the 14th June 2018 from 9.00am until 4.00pm at Buckden Village hall. This session will look at the role of SMSC in the school and the importance it plays in school improvement. The session will make links to the British Values and PREVENT agenda and how Ofsted inspect and report on SMSC. It will also consider the role of collective worship, how to plan for outstanding collective worship and the statutory requirements. Please

book your place here;

<https://www.cambslearntogether.co.uk/religious-education/>

Consultancies, CPD and Inset Training

The RE adviser Amanda Fitton is available for consultancies, CPD and inset training to all schools in the county. These are priced at **£56 per hour (+VAT where necessary)**. If you feel that your school would benefit from this service please contact Amanda using the contact details below.

Other news

Humanists UK

On 10 July Humanists UK will be holding their 2018 Understanding Humanism Teachers Conference.

The day is designed to support primary and secondary teachers with their subject knowledge and practical ideas for teaching about humanism in the classroom. Last year 100 people attended. It is free to

attend and is open to teachers.
To book click on the link
below;

<https://understandinghumanism.org.uk/training/>

They are also offering free
online courses as an
introduction to understanding
Humanism. Please see the link
below;

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/introducing-humanism>

Diversity of Religion and Belief

Dr Peter Hemming from
Cardiff University has
published useful and
interesting pack of resources
on the Diversity of Religion
and

Belief. The pack aims to bring
together relevant policy
frameworks, academic
research and good practice
into a single document in
order to provide schools with
the tools to create an
environment that recognises
and values diversity of
religion and belief, as well as
deliver good quality Religious
Education that promotes
interfaith respect and
understanding. It draws on
expertise from across the
sector, including from
researchers, teaching
professionals and educational
organisations, and also
provides signposts to helpful
resources in the field.

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