

# RE newsletter for schools in Devon and Torbay and Exeter Diocese



Welcome to the April 2019 RE newsletter (CofE version)

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## Devon, Torbay and Plymouth: new RE Agreed Syllabus for community and Church schools



Devon, Torbay and Plymouth SACREs are adopting a high quality RE syllabus written by RE Today. This will come free into every school and academy for Sept 2019. Launch events for Devon and Torbay schools (see P3-5):

- Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June: Belmont Chapel, Exeter
- Tues 4<sup>th</sup> June: Broomhill, Barnstaple
- Wed 5<sup>th</sup> June: Buckfast Abbey

Speakers: Fiona Moss and Stephen Pett (authors of the syllabus and Understanding Christianity resources)

Cost: £110 per delegate (£60 per second delegate from same school)

Devon schools: [www.babcock-education.co.uk/ldp/cpd](http://www.babcock-education.co.uk/ldp/cpd)

Torbay schools: contact

[susan.moses@torbay.gov.uk](mailto:susan.moses@torbay.gov.uk)

Plymouth schools launch date is 8<sup>th</sup> July.

Contact [edutrain@plymouth.gov.uk](mailto:edutrain@plymouth.gov.uk)

## Courses and CPD opportunities

### Learn Teach Lead RE (LTLRE)

<http://ltlre.org/events>

Hubs are free and open to all teachers of RE, primary and secondary. See [website](#) for details  
**East Devon hub**, Woodbury Primary school

**Exeter hub**, St Peter's High School Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> May; Tues 11<sup>th</sup> June

**North Devon hub**, Boston Tea Party, Barnstaple

**Plymouth hub**, Bickleighdown School

**South Devon hub**, Wolborough School, Newton Abbot

**Torbay hub**, Wolborough School, Newton Abbot

### New RE Agreed Syllabus launch for:

Devon and Torbay schools: Mon 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tues 4<sup>th</sup> and Wed 5<sup>th</sup> June

Head Teachers, school leaders and governors are invited to attend Session 1 (9.30-11am) at Belmont Chapel **FREE**, provided they are sending a full paying delegate to one of the events. To [book](#)

Plymouth schools: Mon 8<sup>th</sup> July

## Faith and Belief School Visitors directory



A directory is available to contact [faith and belief visitors](#) who can come to your school to talk about their beliefs and commitments. The list of visitors can be accessed through the resources page on the *Learn, Teach, Lead RE* (LTLRE) website.

## RE support and resources

[Exeter Diocese](#) for C of E schools

[Devon SACRE RE](#) for all Devon schools: RE Agreed Syllabus and support for **assessment** in RE

[Learn, Teach Lead RE](#) RE hub network groups

[NATRE](#) National Association of Teachers of RE  
[RE Quality Mark](#) to audit and celebrate your RE

[Re-online](#) RE subject knowledge site

[True Tube](#) free video resources

[RE definitions](#) free info about key RE words

[Religious Education Council](#) national voice for RE

Find the new [RE Resources sheet](#) here

## Spirited Arts



The NATRE [Spirited Arts](#) competition provides a fantastic opportunity for your pupils to engage with a wide range of RE topics in inspiring and imaginative ways, creating powerful learning outcomes. Entries need to be in by 31<sup>st</sup> July.

## Inspired Classrooms



The [Inspired Classrooms](#) Toolkit provides teachers with ideas, lessons and resources to help pupils explore their local parish church (or any place of worship?)

## Useful video resources



**KS1:** This new set of films from the BBC for 4–7s ([Religions of the World](#)) is a series of ten animated 'Octonaut-style' stories from six different world religions.

**Secondary:** excellent new resources for RS GCSE on the [BBC Bitesize](#) site  
[True Tube](#) for free video resources

## Better Primary RE



Do you know any neighbouring schools who need help with their RE? NATRE has devised a new project to help schools that recognise the need to improve their RE provision. The invitation-only project will enable 1,000 primary schools to offer 'Better RE', which means RE for thinking, creativity, standards and challenge. If you have any schools in your local area that would benefit, please [email](#)

## Spirited Poetry 2019



Get involved in this year's NATRE [Spirited Poetry competition](#) with a focal point for World Poetry Day on 21 March 2019. Schools are invited to send in up to ten poems. Entrance is open to children and young people aged 5–19, closing date 31 July 2019.

## RE in Church schools



A new [RE statement of entitlement](#) for CofE schools has been published, in response to the report from the [RE Commission](#).

**SIAMS Hubs** are free to access twilight sessions (4-6pm) open to anyone involved in the SIAMS process: SLT, teachers, governors, Ethos teams etc. Summer Term 2019 dates at the following locations. Spring Term topics: wisdom, dignity and impact, with plenty of time for Q and A. Please book-in through [Fran Bradley](#).

## Philosophy 4 Children



The Philosophy Man is a useful place to find resources for P4C. They work with schools to develop confident, independent thinkers through [Philosophy for Children](#).

## Assessment in RE



A brand new [guide to assessment in RE](#) from NATRE provides an overview of post-levels assessment practice, outlining different approaches used in primary and secondary schools. This title is practical and close to the classroom reality for busy teachers, and is an essential reference point for all existing subject leaders, as well as those preparing to become teachers of RE.

## Thy Kingdom Come



[Thy Kingdom Come](#) gives people the opportunity to grow in prayer. The Archbishops of Canterbury and York are inviting Christians to join another amazing wave of prayer across the UK and around the world – It's happening between Ascension and Pentecost from 30 May – 9 June.

## Collective Worship resources

- [Roots and Fruits 2](#) a new version of this popular resource
- [Big Start](#) assemblies
- [Child Led CW](#)
- [ISingPOP](#)

## Prayer spaces

[Prayer Spaces in Schools](#) enable children and young people, of all faiths and none, to explore significant life questions, spirituality and faith in a safe, creative and interactive way.

## SIAMS Hubs for CofE Schools

25 <sup>th</sup> April	St Cuthbert Mayne School, Torquay
29 <sup>th</sup> April	Plympton St Mary's Infants, Plymouth
1 <sup>st</sup> May	All Saints Thurlestone, S Devon
8 <sup>th</sup> May	St Luke's Science and Sports College, Exeter
20 <sup>th</sup> May	Ashleigh Primary School, Barnstaple

# Launching the new RE Agreed Syllabus for Devon and Torbay schools and academies

A full day of high quality RE inset with the authors of the syllabus, for primary and secondary teachers of RE

There will be 3 opportunities to access these RE Agreed Syllabus launch conferences (9:30am - 3:30pm)

## Belmont Chapel, Exeter EX1 2DB

- Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June

## Broomhill Art Hotel, Barnstaple EX31 4EX

- Tues 4<sup>th</sup> June

## Buckfast Abbey, Buckfastleigh TQ11 0EG

- Wed 5<sup>th</sup> June

### Keynote Speakers

- **Fiona Moss** RE Today consultant (primary)
- **Stephen Pett** RE Today consultant (secondary)

### Conference facilitators

Jeremy Roberts, Ed Pawson and Tatty Wilson representing SACRE and Exeter Diocese

### Cost

**£110** (+ vat) per delegate

**£60** (+ vat) second delegate from same school

### How to book

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For your RE planning you can access an extract from the new syllabus. Go to <https://www.ltlre.org> and click the link at the bottom of the home page: Devon and Torbay RE syllabus extract: [Click here](#). The password is RE@D&T2019

Contact [efpawson@gmail.com](mailto:efpawson@gmail.com) for more info

The new syllabus is being made available to all schools and academies without charge

# Launching the new RE syllabus for Devon and Torbay schools



**The New Syllabus** has been chosen after extensive consultation with teachers and school leaders (primary and secondary). It will offer valuable support to those new to the subject and provide suitable stretch for those who are more experienced. Its pedagogical approach, accessible resources and detailed subject knowledge will make a significant impact on raising the quality of RE in our schools.

This syllabus will be a statutory requirement for maintained schools and is recommended for academies. The Diocese of Exeter recommends it for all Church schools and it is fully compatible with *Understanding Christianity* and the *RE Statement of Entitlement* for CofE schools.

It comes with a full curriculum plan, guidance on assessment and detailed support materials including medium-term planning.

## Reasons to attend

- To inform schools about how to use the new syllabus as a planning tool, exploring sample teaching units, supportive resources and assessment practice
- To engage with up-to-date ideas led by RE Today consultants who have a national reputation for high quality RE CPD
- To gain fresh insights, strategies and subject knowledge to take away and implement in your own school setting
- To support subject leaders in understanding how best to monitor standards in RE

## Resources available

- **A hard copy of the whole syllabus:** collect this at one of the launch events or contact [Ed Pawson](#) to make other arrangements
- **Access to the new syllabus in electronic format:** details to be given at the launch events and circulated to schools
- **Additional, detailed schemes of work:** available at a discounted rate at the launch event (eg ~£150 for complete primary school pack) or from [RE Today](#)

## Who should attend

Teachers of RE, RE Subject Leaders, RE HoDs, Headteachers, School Leaders (separate sessions for primary and secondary teachers)

# Devon and Torbay RE Agreed Syllabus launch conference

## Programme for the day

Course information:	Assets:
<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <p><b>9.30-11.00 Introducing the new Devon and Torbay Agreed Syllabus for RE</b>            This session will consider the place and value of RE for pupils, highlighting the developments and opportunities in the new syllabus. It will explore how to use the syllabus to plan and teach engaging, thoughtful RE.</p> <p><b>11.30-1.00 Excellent teaching and learning</b>            This session will offer examples of excellent teaching and learning ideas, based on the syllabus, with a focus on inspiring learning.</p> <p><b>2.00-3.30 Teaching and learning, achievement and assessment</b>            This session will explore more teaching and learning ideas, connecting them with methods of assessment, providing examples of ways to enable pupils to make good progress in RE. Split groups for primary and secondary teachers.</p> <p><b>Evaluation and thanks</b>  <b>Close at 3.30pm</b></p>	<p>Those attending the day will receive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A hard copy folder of the new RE syllabus</li> <li>▪ Additional support materials and access to these online, including all materials used in the day</li> <li>▪ RE network opportunities</li> </ul> <p>There will be the opportunity to order a supporting scheme of work, and to browse and purchase RE Today resources (to buy and take away, with invoices going to your school after the event).</p>

**Fiona Moss** taught in a large multi-cultural primary school in Leicester and was a local Authority RE adviser and primary adviser. She joined RE Today in 2009 and now writes and edits for RE Today publications, including the primary series *Opening Up RE* and *Inspiring RE*. She supports Leicester Diocese and several local authorities, and trains teachers across the country. She is the Executive Officer of the National Association of Teachers of RE (NATRE).



**Stephen Pett** has been an adviser with RE Today since 2008. For fourteen years before that he was an RE subject leader in Gloucestershire and an advanced skills teacher for seven years. He has worked with a number of SACREs on developing agreed syllabuses; he writes and edits for RE Today publications and led the development of the 2016 resource, *Understanding Christianity*.



**Please note this launch is a once in five years event for RE: schools are strongly advised to book early.**