

RE newsletter



Towards a new RE syllabus

Devon, Torbay and Plymouth SACREs* are currently reviewing the locally agreed RE syllabus used in our schools, with a new version to be introduced in September 2024. The Cornwall syllabus will be renewed in 2025.

We are proud of the fact that almost all schools in this region continue to use this locally agreed syllabus, both in maintained schools and in academies. This means that we can continue to work and train together using the same high quality resources.

The updated RE syllabus will not look radically different to the current one, but it will be more in line with a worldviews approach to the subject. Find out more about religion and worldviews [here](#) and [here](#).

We are keen to know how RE is going in your school and to understand what you would like to see in an updated syllabus, so that we know what to adjust or improve.

Please can I ask you to complete this short survey to assist us in this process:

[Primary](#) survey

[Secondary](#) survey

*SACRE: Standing Advisory Council on RE

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For RE support, please contact Ed Pawson at efpawson@gmail.com or ed.pawson@exeter.anglican.org
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Learn Teach Lead RE (LTLRE)



LTLRE hub (twilight) meetings are free and open to all teachers of RE, primary and secondary. See LTLRE [website](#) for full details.

North Devon hub: Thurs 27th April

Cornwall Hub: Wed 14th June

Special school hub: Wed 28th June 2023

Torbay/S Devon hub: Thurs 29th June

Save the date for the LTLRE annual conference
Fri 13th Oct 2023

St Mellion Conference Centre

Keynote speaker: Lat Blaylock

Recruitment crisis

The House of Commons Education Select Committee is looking into the MASSIVE problems schools are having with recruitment and retention. Devon SACRE is gathering evidence for submission to parliament. If you are having problems recruiting staff, particularly with reference to teaching of RE, could you send [me](#) a short description.

Primary Subject Leader support



This is a really useful [site](#) featuring resources and links to support teachers working in the role of Religious Education/ Religion and Worldviews subject leader. All the content in these pages has been written and collated by Primary members of the NATRE Executive and RE Today Advisers.

Islam at Exeter City FC

Watch Cheick Diabaté, Muslim Exeter City footballer, being [interviewed](#) about keeping Ramadan. He says "spiritually Ramadan is having a good effect on me."

RE and Rugby

Read about [Catherine Spencer](#), former captain of the England women's rugby team, who has re-trained as an RE teacher. She is featured here in the Sun as part of the ongoing [campaign](#) to fill the worrying gap in secondary RE teachers.

RE on Twitter

Join #REchatUK on Twitter: 8-9pm on 5 June 2023
- Focus: Ways of Knowing. Follow NATRE on twitter [@NATREupdate](#). Find out more [here](#).

Webinars for A level RS

Join the @TRSChester A level Religious Studies [Webinars](#) for their 3rd season of excellent talks. In short, sharp online sessions, lecturers from the University of Chester share their expertise and engage topics on the A Level RS specs. A level students and teachers are especially welcome, but this is great CPD for anyone!

Also access the back catalogue from 2020 and 2021.

Resources for teaching Islam



With Ramadan taking place recently, take a look at NATRE's cross-phase Islam resource offers, packed with high-quality, tried and tested practical ideas and activities for your classroom. The resources include essential background knowledge for the primary/ secondary teacher, so you can be confident when teaching about Islam in the classroom.

Resources for teaching Judaism

See the additional word document attachment for a comprehensive list of resources for teaching about Judaism.

Subject knowledge courses



Sign up [here](#) for RE Today subject knowledge courses for primary and secondary teachers of RE Understanding Christianity [course](#)

The Bible Project



BibleProject

The Bible Project has some useful resources on [how](#) to read the Bible, [what](#) is the Bible, the [story](#) of the Bible, different [literary styles](#) in the Bible.

Walk Through the Bible

Walk through the Bible RE resources for schools offers a (free) set of engaging [interactive videos](#) which help pupils to understand the way individual stories fit into the bigger story of the Bible. This is an accredited resource for Understanding Christianity.

The Annunciation



Follow this [Twitter](#) thread to access a great set of diverse images depicting this important event in the Christian narrative

GCSE or A level: thought-provoking [animation](#) on the annunciation, but you need to watch this to check suitability (cartoon nudity)!

Good News for Everyone

Check out how [Good News for Everyone](#) (formerly known as the Gideons) can support RE

One life, live it well - Humanists UK



Alice Roberts narrates this short [animation](#) about the humanist approach to life and the importance humanists place on freedom, responsibility, and connections.

Find out about using the Understanding Humanism resources [here](#).

ECTs in RE

Looking to enhance your skills and subject knowledge as an Early Career Teacher (ECT) of RE or an experienced teacher new to teaching RE? NATRE offers FREE monthly [webinars](#) designed to support you in developing your skills and knowledge in RE while providing evidence to meet the ECT standards.

CofE schools

SIAMS hubs

SIAMS Hub Meetings will be looking at the new SIAMS framework. Booking [here](#) (don't worry if you can't attend the one in your area).

Wed 26th April

Exeter, East and North Devon

Thur 27th April

Plymouth, Torbay, South and West Devon