

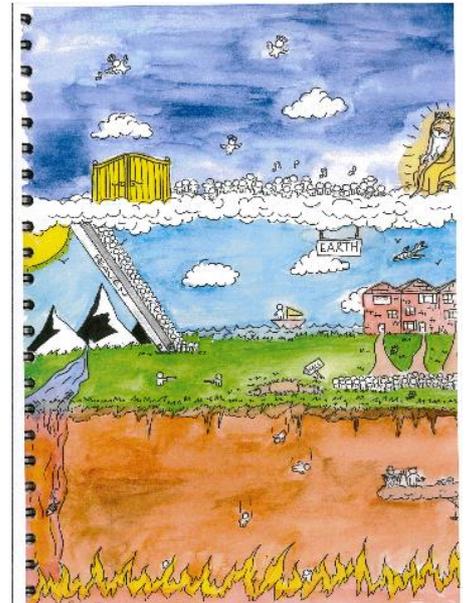
Tuesday
2nd June
2015

A balance of practical ideas and inspiration

Primary RE
Conference

Planning great RE
Achieving more in RE
Spiritual development
Developing questioning
Making progress in RE

Introducing the new
Herefordshire Agreed
Syllabus 2015



Venue:

Whitecross High School
Hereford **HR4 0RN**

Fee
£95

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Who is it for?

The conference is aimed at teachers of RE from primary schools, including subject leaders, HLTAs and head teachers. It will also be valuable for governors to find out about the new syllabus and explore best practice in RE.

Aims

- To introduce the new Herefordshire Agreed Syllabus for RE, with its increased flexibility and extra support for planning RE
- To provide practical strategies, guidance and resources for teachers and subject leaders in planning creative, challenging, thoughtful RE to promote the personal development of pupils
- To inspire teachers and help them to develop their confidence in planning and delivering RE, whether in the context of cross-curriculum themes, RE days or discrete RE lessons.
- To model examples of thoughtful RE, challenging all pupils and promoting deeper thinking

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**Herefordshire SACRE Primary RE
Agreed Syllabus Launch 2015
EVALUATIONS
67 delegates, 56 forms received**

	excellent	good	satisfactory
Session 1: Planning great RE using the syllabus (56)	70%	30%	
Session 2: Excellent teaching and learning (56)	88%	12%	
Session 3: Achieving more in RE (53)	74%	24%	2%
Venue: how do you rate it? (54)	50%	46%	4%
Overall value of the conference (55)	80%	20%	

Comments on the revised syllabus:

- Looks simple and easy to use. We are excited about delivering it.
- Great that there is lots of overlap. Seems manageable to move from old to new. Everything very easy to find/use in folder. Document is great.
- I really like it! Think it is easy to use and will be easier to implement, particularly splitting lower and upper KS2.
- Clearly laid out; like the way key questions are related to learning outcomes/suggested content. As an early years teacher I like the terminology used for assessment
- Clear, concise – very helpful for all year groups.
- Detailed and clearly laid out – love the colour coding. Glad to see principal religions mapped to different year groups.
- Well thought through – logical and accessible.
- Workable, easy to read and easy to explain to colleagues
- A great syllabus full of ideas!
- Appears to be simplified and straightforward but at the same time allows for more depth to be studied in each section.
- It seems to be much clearer than the old syllabus – more suggestions of content for learning
- Well thought through – logical and accessible.
- Pleased with the look of it and how comprehensive it is (as a new RE co-ordinator). Exemplar planning very much appreciated.
- I like the format, outcomes and content, but it is quite full-on, especially to now inform other members of staff about

Any further comments about the conference?

- Very impressed with the facilities and having dietary needs catered for!
- Great, thanks. Loved the two people delivering it
- Always a delight to spend an entire day on RE!
- Very informative and useful as RE co-ordinator
- Lots to take in but clearly presented. Like the way staging planning was suggested. Suggesting activities relating to the key questions was very useful – really enjoyed KS1 story lesson.
- Well presented. Good ratio of info and activities
- Clear, well-paced
- I thought there might be more on assessment to run alongside the new syllabus
- Comprehensive and v useful – looking forward to seeing the rest of the scheme of work
- Great resources and examples of teaching activities

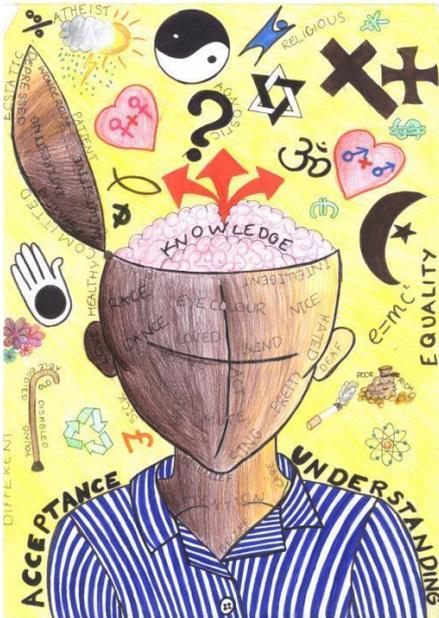
- Parking was a slight issue, and limited toilets led to queueing. Lovely lunch
- Well organised and a very good venue. Plenty of space and breaks and interesting sessions. Timing worked well too.
- Always good to spend time devoted to one (of many) subjects. Good to network too. Good resources provided.
- I have found the activities and ideas for teaching very useful and enjoyed the games and could see how to use them in class. Timing was good although a shorter lunch and earlier finishing time would suit

Actions you will take to follow up from this conference

- Discuss with rest of staff implications and plan for whole school autumn and spring. Aim to have 2-year rolling plan from end spring 2016
- Organise staff meetings to relay the information; review resources to support new syllabus
- Review and update action plan for RE
- Lots of new staff/NQTs starting in Sept so will need to plan training with Head. 12 steps very useful!
- Review timetabling for RE, long-term plan for mixed age classes, Consider SoW – redraft in school or purchase?
- Will review whole school two year rolling programme and adjust for new syllabus. Will support NQT and staff with changes and resource requirements.

Suggestions/requests for future support in Herefordshire

- Long-term plan examples for mixed year classes
- List of names/contacts of people within the authority from different faiths and beliefs – for visits/support/expertise
- Links/contacts with practising members of different faiths... Multifaith days for Y6 at Whitecross have been superb but input throughout children's school lives from 'real' people would bring RE alive
- Contacts for faith visitors (many requests for this)
- More frequent network meetings
- A revival of network meetings would be great, should funds allow
- Network meetings for primary, sharing best practice/ideas
- A resource bank like the library service – where you can borrow a topic or study box etc
- List of dos and don'ts for each religion
- Assessment in RE using new syllabus
- Some suggestions of what syllabus means when it says 'suitable' poem/song/painting
- Details of courses to help staff who are inexperienced at teaching RE
- Assessment – how to in school!
- Background info on humanism
- Develop use of conferences to promote good teaching and learning activities and ideas that support the new curriculum
- Guidance ensuring we are aware of and meeting requirements from SIAMS esp for VA and VC schools
- Maybe a resource-swap at the conference – we've got multiples of some but none of others! Follow-up meeting next year to share practice. What has worked well? What hasn't?
- Focused sessions on KS1 and KS2



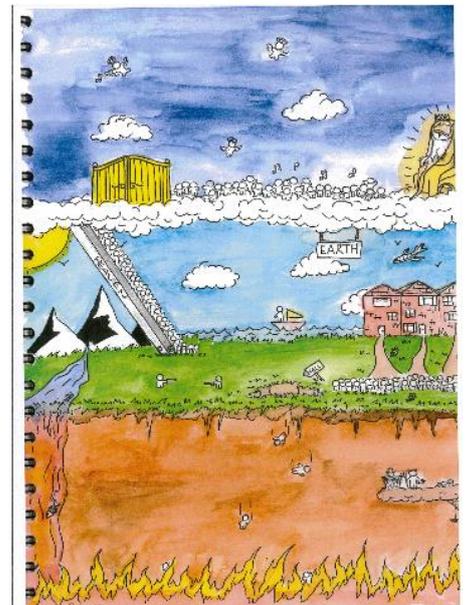
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EVALUATION FORM: 12 attended; 12 forms completed**

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Session 1: Planning great RE using the syllabus	100%		
Session 2: Achievement and assessment in RE	66%	34%	
Session 3: Excellent teaching and learning	92%	8%	
Venue: how do you rate it?	92%	8%	
Overall value of the conference	92%	8%	
Representative sample of feedback comments:			
Comments on the revised syllabus:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helpful to see the overview and changes • Excellent – like the assessment system • The syllabus is ‘user-friendly’, the new questions are interesting and will engage students. It will be good to see the resources when they go online. • I think that the revised learning outcomes are excellent • Nice to see modern content • Excellent syllabus – makes sense • Key questions have greater clarity for a non-specialist! 			
Any further comments about the conference?			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good size of group to generate discussion • Thank you – very helpful and informative use of lesson ideas • It’s always good to get together with other RE teachers to share ideas. The teaching resources are excellent and it is useful to actually take part in the activities • I enjoyed the session regarding taxonomies • Very well run/presented by Stephen 			
Actions you will take to follow up from this conference			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Really helpful to plan my entire KS3 and 4 SoWs! • Go back to re-write schemes of work to comply with new syllabus • Review and update SoW to take account of new questions 			
Suggestions/requests for future support in Herefordshire			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowing if my SoWs are fit for purpose • Extend SACRE to include list of reps who would visit schools • More meetings! • Contact list for visits/visitors 			

*Stephen Pett
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