

## Three Counties Secondary RE Conference 2014 Evaluation

51 teachers present, plus 3 SACRE members and 2 speakers.

10 Worcestershire teachers; 7 Herefordshire; 25 Gloucestershire; 6 PGCE students; 3 extras  
43 teacher evaluations received.

|   | excellent | good | satisfactory |
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| <b>Session 1 Assessment without levels</b> Lat Blaylock         | 79%       | 21%  |              |
| <b>Session 2 Growing your own assessment</b> Stroud High School | 63%       | 35%  | 2%           |
| <b>Session 3 Opening up art and texts</b> Stephen Pett          | 93%       | 7%   |              |
| <b>Session 3: Promoting deeper thinking</b> Lat Blaylock        | 91%       | 9%   |              |
| <b>Session 4: Developing enquiry</b> Stephen Pett               | 79%       | 21%  |              |
| <b>Venue: how do you rate it?</b>                               | 91%       | 9%   |              |
| <b>Overall value of the conference</b>                          | 95%       | 5%   |              |

### Further comments

- Lots of great ideas and resources as always. Super value for money. A 'must-do' CPD.
- Session on art and texts was very useful with lots of interesting ideas I will implement in my teaching
- Thank you!! So much to take away and so many brain cells firing (even so close to the end of term!) Love the deeper thinking stuff especially.
- Practical, useful, thought provoking. Thank you.
- Great ideas to take away and use in lessons
- Lots of creative ideas, particularly use of frames, Job for suffering and use of imagery, very engaging! Great range of resource available for purchase.
- Really informative, variety of information, felt welcomed, useful to use within dept inset. Thank you for a great day.
- Varied and engaging.
- Great to re-new links with colleagues. Good resource which will be useful and make an impact in lessons.
- Great to have things to take away. Good interaction – tasks are quick for us and so no time wasted.
- I really liked the new ideas/strategies. Some thought-provoking challenges to approaches. Liked 'speculation' to trigger thinking. Pathway through life is something I want to use.
- Thank you – clear and practical.
- An excellent conference as ever. Lots of suggestions/ideas to take back to school.
- As always a very interesting and enjoyable day. Very practical ideas for use in class.
- Great conference!
- Fantastic ideas and resources. I particularly enjoyed the opening up art and texts!
- More, more, more!
- It has been many years since my last RE conference (Worcs) – the difference is amazing. All relevant information. The day has made me think and reassess ideas, which is great. Lots I want to try in the classroom.
- Excellent ideas and resources. Lovely lunch! Good ideas and good to have time to network with others and share experiences.

### Actions you will take to follow up from this conference

- Possible inset on questioning/thinking; revisit some of my curriculum to update with today's ideas/resources
- We're re-working KS3 to focus on challenge – so this will help massively!

- Implement more opportunities for deeper thinking. Consideration of an alternative way of assessing away from levels.
- Definitely try out letter from God! Trial assessment, focusing on dialogue between teacher and student for them to identify areas of progress.
- Look into applying level pyramids in school
- Will include letter from God into scheme of work and will use ideas from art and texts session.
- Changes to assessments. Pyramids in classrooms.
- Currently evaluating assessment. Love the lesson activities – will use.
- Revising schemes and lessons to implement these alternatives to current lessons – very exciting!!
- Job and the problem of evil. Use of art and images.

**Suggestions/requests for future support in Gloucestershire, Herefordshire or Worcestershire:**

- How to help SEN pupils access a literacy subject.
- Role and efficacy of the mini-plenary in RE
- Teaching the skill of synopticity
- Interesting revision strategies for GCSE and A-level
- Sixth form stuff – tricky aspects of AS2
- More network meetings would be great.
- More conferences/visitors into school. List of contacts for key religious speakers who come into school.