

## ***RE with impact: thinking hard and learning lots***

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Venue: TBC – central Hereford location

**1.30pm-5.30pm** (Registration and refreshments from 1.00pm)

This half-day conference will support schools in planning and teaching great RE that has an impact on pupils. It will focus on practical classroom ideas and strategies, based on the latest research and practice. It will explore ways of helping pupils to build on and make sense of prior learning, using engaging resources and activities that make children think hard, as well as contributing to their wider personal development.

### **Session 1: 1.30-2.30**

#### **RE, learning and the brain** Stephen Pett

In this session we will explore some of the recent research on the brain and learning. Lessons from neuroscience and cognitive psychology will be applied directly to planning and teaching excellent RE that helps pupils to think hard and learn lots.

### **Session 2: 2.30-3.30**

#### **Teaching non-religious worldviews** Fiona Moss

In the UK, 53% of people are non-religious, according to the 2016 British Social Attitudes Survey. Many children in our classes come from homes with no particular religious affiliation. This session will explore thoughtful ways of helping pupils to understand something of the variety of non-religious worldviews held in the UK.

#### **Break: coffee and cakes**

### **Session 3: 4.00-4.30**

#### **RE update: what's going on in the RE world?** Stephen Pett

A brief update of key ideas and changes afoot in RE – with some comments on their importance and implications for your school and RE classroom.

### **Session 3: 4.30-5.30**

#### **Effective assessment in RE** Fiona Moss

This session will explore a range of models of assessment used by teachers around the country. It will weigh up some advantages and disadvantages of different models, focusing on practical, manageable and worthwhile assessment processes that make a difference to pupils' learning.

Copies of all resources used on the day will be available to take away, and electronic copies available to download afterwards. A wide range of resources will be available to purchase or order on the day.

### **Who is it for?**

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

### **Aims**

- To support schools in making progress with the Herefordshire Agreed Syllabuses for RE, with its increased flexibility and extra support for planning RE, and its focus on living religion and belief
- To provide practical strategies, guidance and resources for teachers and subject leaders in planning creative, thoughtful, rigorous RE to promote deep learning and the personal development of pupils
- To model examples of thoughtful RE, challenging all pupils and promoting deeper thinking

### **Fee:**

**£85 or £150 for two teachers from the same school, including refreshments and resources**

Booking form attached.

### Why should I attend?

Primary conferences have been held in Herefordshire for many years now. Feedback is always excellent. It meets its aim of being practical, refreshing and inspiring, giving teachers resources to try out and take away, to adapt and apply in their own contexts.

Here is a representative selection of comments from Herefordshire teachers from 2017:

- A very useful course full of lots of interesting, valuable and useful ideas that can be implemented in the classroom. Good provision of resources that can be used in the classroom straight away. *Wigmore Primary*
- Fantastic conference full of brilliant ideas to share with others back at school. Thank you. *Holmer CE Academy*
- Great as always! *Trinity Primary, Hereford*
- Thank you so much for an interesting day. Some lovely practical activities for the classroom; I shall use these! *Clifford Primary*
- Thank you. Enjoyed it. Lots of new ideas to bring RE to life. *St Thomas Cantilupe*

This year we have amended the timings to reduce the impact on schools, so that teachers do not require a full day of cover. A usual day conference includes 4.5 hours of training time, plus breaks. This half-day conference will pack in at least 3.5 hours of training time, with a short break, with a reduced fee. Great value for money!

**Booking form:  
Hereford SACRE Primary Conference**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

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# DEEPER THINKING: DEEPER LEARNING

## Secondary RE conference 2018

Supporting better teaching about  
Christianity and Islam in RE, Years 7–11

**Thursday 28 June 2018**

### CONFERENCE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH:

Gloucestershire SACRE, Herefordshire SACRE,  
Worcestershire SACRE, South Bromsgrove High School  
TSA, University of Worcester, Wigmore School TSA,  
NATRE, RE Today

### SPEAKERS:

Lat Blaylock (RE Today),  
Rebecca Davidge (University of Worcester),  
Michelle Dodd (Severn Vale School),  
Chris Giles (South Bromsgrove High School),  
Stephen Pett (RE Today)

**Venue: Puckrup Hall Hotel, GL20 6EL**

**9.00 am–4.00 pm (registration and refreshments from 8.30 am)**

#### KEYNOTE 1:

**Engaging students at GCSE –  
not just ‘getting through’**

Lat Blaylock

How can we manage the  
additional demands of the GCSE  
and still engage students in  
creative, thoughtful RE?  
Some practical suggestions.

#### KEYNOTE 2:

**More learning, less marking:  
assessment models that work**

Michelle Dodd and Stephen Pett

Down-to-earth, real solutions  
for effective assessment. Make  
a difference to your students’  
progress and regain some work–  
life balance.

#### TEACHMEET

Chris Giles will introduce five-  
minute slots to share practical and  
relevant ideas for your classroom.  
Sign up overleaf to offer an idea  
that works!

### THREE SESSIONS OF INTERACTIVE SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS

**Choose one out of two each time.**

<b>SEMINAR A</b>	<b>A1. Five ways to encourage excellence in writing</b> Lat Blaylock	<b>A2. Practical strategies to develop religious literacy in Islam</b> Chris Giles
	Practical ideas for getting students to write better, exploring and expressing key concepts in RE.	A range of activities to fill gaps in students’ religious literacy; writing extended answers and making the most of trips and visitors.
<b>SEMINAR B</b>	<b>B1. Salvation and atonement in Christian thought and practice</b> Stephen Pett	<b>B2. Teaching concepts of God creatively and thoughtfully in Islam and Christianity</b> Lat Blaylock
	A selection of practical strategies for engaging students and helping them to make sense of key concepts.	Practical ideas to engage students in grappling with concepts of God, with outcomes that show their understanding.
<b>SEMINAR C</b>	<b>C1. Raising the profile of the RE Department</b> Rebecca Davidge and Chris Giles	<b>C2. Christians and life after death: authority, diversity and implications</b> Stephen Pett
	Practical and effective ideas for winning over school leadership, pupils and parents.	Creative and thoughtful ideas, resources and models to enable students to handle diverse Christian views on life after death.



## Creative RE in special schools

A day for special schools in Gloucestershire / Herefordshire / Worcestershire / South Gloucestershire / Swindon and Bristol / Coventry and Warwickshire, supporting teachers to meet the needs of their pupils and promote their personal development.

**9.00am - 3.30pm Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018**

**Venue: Adhithana, Coddington, Ledbury, Herefordshire HR8 1JL**

Arrivals and registration from 8.30

**This day conference will include sessions on:**

- **A fresh approach to planning RE: what RE works for our pupils with special needs?**  
Our local syllabuses refer to Anne's Five Keys planning model. Here's a chance to explore how to use it to plan creative and thoughtful RE, how to assess with it, in order to increase teacher confidence and improve pupil progress.
- **Teaching about Muslims**  
Exploring ways of communicating core knowledge about Muslims in a creative and sensory way.
- **Experiential activities**  
Tibetan Buddhist, Tsuma-la Choesang explores ways of engaging SEND pupils in reflection and movement, drawing on her experience working with SEND pupils in a variety of settings.
- **Teachmeet**  
An opportunity to bring a single example of an RE activity that works in your context.

**The emphasis will be on sharing practical ways of working in diverse contexts, to support and develop you in teaching excellent, creative, engaging RE with your pupils.**

Our main speaker for the day is **Anne Krisman**, RE subject leader at Little Heath School, London Borough of Redbridge. Her 'Five Keys' approach was joint first prize winner of the NATRE-Hockerill Award for Innovation in RE Teaching, 2011

**Venue: Adhithana** is a beautiful Buddhist retreat centre west of the Malvern Hills. We will have an opportunity to explore the grounds and make use of one of the shrine rooms for one session.

Feedback from previous Special RE conferences include the following representative comments:

- A well-balanced and focused course
- It has been useful to talk to other teachers who lead RE – swap ideas etc. It's given me the confidence that what I have planned and developed is ok!
- A good chance to consider RE further and how to make it suitable and relevant to my students
- Fantastic ideas and resources I can take back and share. Thank you.
- Great to have learning and teaching materials specifically which are appropriate for SEN pupils. Great planning framework from Anne. This will help me when I revise current schemes of work.
- Really like the 5 Keys into RE planning sheet.
- Pace, range of activities, practical, sensory, visual, interspersed with listening and absorbing information. Made me think in a different way. Lovely atmosphere. Left me wanting more!

**Booking form:**  
**Special RE day @ Adhithana, HR8 1JL**  
**Tuesday 3rd July 2018**  
**Fee: £100**

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