



# SACRE NEWSLETTER

## Happy New Year 2022!

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Hello and welcome to Spring term 2022!

Wishing you a very Happy New Year. We hope you have been able to have a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas break and that current developments are not causing too much concern and disruption for schools and staff. Could we take this chance to remind you that 1:1 RE health checks are available through SACRE and advisers are happy to respond to questions and offer support as needed.

Do contact your adviser [katy.staples@bristoldiocese.org](mailto:katy.staples@bristoldiocese.org)

# Last chance to book for 28th January!



## 'How interesting are you?'

**Developing curiosity about the beliefs and identity of others.**



**Friday 28th January, 9.30am-3pm, Engineers' House**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/annual-re-conference-2022-how-interesting-are-you-tickets-181808854177>

**Keynote: Lat Blaylock, editor of RE Today** *The fascinations of others: 6 examples of religion and worldviews that will blow minds. How interesting we are!*



**Workshops for all key stages, including:**

- Lat Blaylock—KS1 and KS2—Big questions of belief and identity
- Pollyanna Pearman (Avonmouth CE Primary) - RE in the new EYFS framework
- Isabel Robinson-Rhodes (Bristol Cathedral Choir School) Curiosity at KS4— Worldviews-ing up the GCSE
- Lydia Lodge (Encounter Christianity) - Biblical interpretation in KS2—Where on Earth do we begin?



....And others!

Face to face conference, with virtual/zoom option for those absolutely unable to attend in person.

Email [laura.harris@bristoldiocese.org](mailto:laura.harris@bristoldiocese.org) for further information



<https://www.50treasures.divinity.cam.ac.uk/>

“This site aims to bring insight to some of the many religious **treasures** that can be found in **Cambridge**. By introducing the artefacts, we hope to show that religion isn’t just a single subject based on faith, but an opportunity to discover the many reaches, from **art and history to music and science**. “



A huge variety of texts, art, sculpture and historical objects to introduce creativity, reflection and history into your classroom .



**THE ARTS SOCIETY BIRMINGHAM**

This resource has an incredibly useful selection of downloadable guides to holy buildings in the religions of the Sikh, Christian, Muslim, Hindu, Jewish and Buddhist communities. It gives a selection of videos, with introductions to the buildings and how they are used for worship.

<https://birmingham-faith-visits.theartssociety.org/>

Supported by a generous grant from Westhill Endowment Trust, The Arts Society Birmingham has collaborated with six different places of worship, Birmingham Faith Leaders and other organisations to produce resources designed to enhance a school visit, or to support a virtual visit, to a place of worship for children 8 to 13 years.



# Bristol Bridges for Connection

Bristol School Linking builds relationships between children across our city, encouraging a sense of togetherness, challenging prejudice and stereotypes, and contributing to a more cohesive city. The project twins year 5 primary classes from demographically diverse schools across Bristol for a year long programme. Together the children from those classes explore four key questions together:

**Who am I?** – exploring identity

**Who are we?** – celebrating diversity

**Where do we live?** – promoting community

**How do we all live together?** – championing equality

The project is free, flexible and fully resourced, and the curriculum is mapped to SMSC requirements.

Find out more by watching this video: <https://vimeo.com/616998005>

If you would like to find out more, or get your class involved, please contact Anna Wright, Bristol School Linking project manager, at [anna.wright@bridgesforcommunities.com](mailto:anna.wright@bridgesforcommunities.com)

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THROUGH CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS

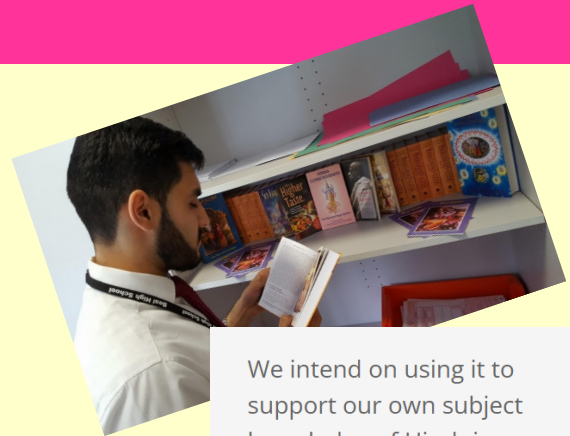


## The Gita Project

Free copies of the Bhagavad Gita for schools!

Visit the website and complete the contact form to collect your complementary school copies.

<https://thegitaproject.org/placement/>



We intend on using it to support our own subject knowledge of Hinduism as well as using them within lessons. It looks very accessible because it is in English and it something we really appreciate as an RE Department

**Z Hussain, Beal High School**



# Holocaust Memorial Day— 27th January 2022

<https://www.hmd.org.uk/>

A wealth of information and free resources are available here for schools to learn about the Holocaust using a range of resources, organise an activity, or watch the ceremony.

Check out this blog for 2022, about the specificities of faith schools marking HMD with students, which may be of interest: <https://www.hmd.org.uk/news/hmdt-blog-five-ways-this-faith-school-commemorates-hmd/>



## Basics of Sikhi

An excellent website to explore the key elements of Sikhi belief and practice. Sign up for the monthly newsletter, access the podcast or download many information leaflets about subjects such as festivals, Gurdwara, the Guru Nanak and more.



**Basics of Sikhi**

<https://www.basicsofsikhi.com/>

Many further resources available on the YouTube channel, with new materials on Gurdwara coming soon <https://www.youtube.com/user/basicsofsikhi?app=desktop>



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### RESEARCH OF THE MONTH

Are you looking for summaries of high-quality academic research that are relevant to classroom practice? For accounts of collaborations between teachers and researchers, or research projects undertaken by teachers? For ways to connect with Religion and Worldviews research? Our research of the month feature aims to refresh and develop your professional knowledge and to help you get up to date with what others are doing. Each month we will feature a new piece of research or choose one from our [library](#) to highlight. <https://www.reonline.org.uk/research/research-of-the-month/>