

SACRE NEWSLETTER

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Dear colleagues,

I hope that you managed to get a well deserved rest over Christmas and had a happy new year!

Even though Spring seems a long way off we have plenty of opportunities for you to grow your understanding of RE this term!

Find details of our Annual RE conference at the wonderful Engineers House on 3rd February, come along to the E Hub to learn about Humanism, or take advantage of some of the many online CPD being offered over January and February!

As always, do contact your adviser, adam@retoday.org.uk with any RE related questions or issues, or to book a FREE 1:1 visit.

Happy New Year!

Adam Robertson

Have you booked your place yet?

Bristol, South Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, and Swindon SACRE present

Annual RE Conference 2023

Friday 3rd February, 9.30-3.00, Engineers' House



Religion and Worldviews for a fast changing world

A thought provoking and inspiring day of presentations and workshops offering you a wide selection of speakers with many ideas and resources to improve the quality of Religious Education in your school, from EYFS to KS4.

Aims :

- **Revisit the principles of a Religion and Worldviews approach and why it is important and beneficial**
- **Identify ways R&W can connect with vital issues in our world today**



KEYNOTE—Religion, Worldviews and Change

Dr Kate Christopher is a secondary R&W teacher in London, as well as working part-time for Culham St Gabriel's Trust.

Why Religion and Worldviews, why change at all? In this keynote session RE adviser will explore the thinking behind the Religion and Worldviews approach and the reasons why evolution of the RE curriculum is promoted. How does a Religion and Worldviews approach allow children and young people to engage with the big questions facing our communities and our planet? Through practical examples Kate will consider the scope and potential of such an approach for pupils of all ages.

Also—a great range of workshops to support RE & worldviews throughout the curriculum, including visiting speaker — Luke Donellan Director of Understanding Humanism, who will provide a Primary and a Secondary workshop.

The conference is face to face only, **FREE** for South Gloucestershire schools. £110 per delegate at the conference venue, £150 for two from the same school.

FIND OUT MORE: To register please visit Eventbrite [HERE](#)

or contact Ali.Driver@bristoldiocese.org or
laura.harris@bristoldiocese.org

Come to the Bristol RE Hub!



Learn Teach Lead RE

Improving quality: building community

You are warmly welcomed to the Bristol RE Hub—for all Primary and Secondary Teachers and HLTAs!

We meet to share ideas and improve our subject knowledge in RE.

Tuesday 23rd February 2023

3.45pm—4.45pm

Speaker

Matt Evans—Bristol Humanists

‘Teaching non religious worldviews’

Join on zoom:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82161425170?
pwd=cUpUejl0SmZDUHVUcWJhVWxlOWc0Zz09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82161425170?pwd=cUpUejl0SmZDUHVUcWJhVWxlOWc0Zz09)

Culham St Gabriel—In conversation...



This term we are focusing on the theme of **Freedom of Religion or Belief (#FoRB)**. Learn more about how we are campaigning for this through education [here](#)

Spring term events:

Monday 16th January 4.30-5.10pm

In conversation with Joe Miller

Theme: Holocaust Memorial Day (27th January 2023)

Monday 20th March 4.30-5.10pm

In Conversation with Professor John Wolffe and friends

Theme: RETOPEA! Promoting religious peace and tolerance through history

Monday 20th February 4-5.10pm

In conversation with Dr Nayla Tabbara and friends

Theme: Learning from experiences in Lebanon

Find out more or to register—

[In Conversation.... - Culham St Gabriel's \(cstg.org.uk\)](#)

FREE Subject Knowledge for ECTSs!

Monday nights on Café Natre: – a taster for NATRE ECT membership.

Early Career Teachers of RE have access to a range of free support through a series of online sessions. 'Café' sessions give you a chance to talk with experienced teachers and experts from different worldview backgrounds. The taught sessions offer expert input with a focus on practical classroom strategies.

Date – All Mondays 4.00-5.30pm	Topic
9 Jan	Taught session: Focus on Non-religious worldviews
13 Feb	Taught session: Focus on Hindu Dharma
13 Mar	Café NATRE – Subject knowledge Judaism
8 May	Taught session: Focus on Worldviews
12 June	Taught session: Focus on Sikhi
10 July	Café NATRE: Subject knowledge Christianity

ECT webinars booking link <http://ow.ly/VupG5oKG3cP>

Holocaust Memorial Day 2023

Visit www.hmd.org.uk/schools to browse the huge range of resources and ideas for Primary and Secondary schools to focus their learning on this important event on 27th January.



Online book launch event for teachers

On Wednesday 11th January, 4-5pm we are hosting an online event with Holocaust survivor and author Peter Lantos talking about and reading from his new novel *The Boy Who Didn't Want to Die*, which describes an extraordinary journey made by Peter at the age of five, through war-torn Europe in 1944 and 1945.

You can submit questions to Peter in advance, and prize draw will be conducted during the event for one attending teacher to win a classroom set of books, donated by the publisher - Scholastic Children's Books.

Register for free on [our Eventbrite page](#).

Ordinary People Film

New for HMD 2023 we have created a short version of the UK Online Commemoration film, suitable for screening at local HMD activities. Perfect for schools, local councils and many more settings, this 20-minute film will provide an introduction to your own HMD activity and set the scene for your audience as we hear testimony from Holocaust and genocide survivors about their experiences.

Download the film for free here: hmd.org.uk/ordinarypeoplefilm

Register for the UK Online Commemoration for HMD 2023 and order resources

The full UK Online Commemoration for HMD 2023 will be streamed on Thursday 26 January at 7pm. You can register to watch the commemoration on our website: hmd.org.uk/ukhmd/

Please feel free to share this link with parents who may like to watch the commemoration.

Strictly RE—CPD that lasts all year!

Strictly RE offers you amazing value CPD with access to over 25 sessions recorded, so you don't need to attend at the time!

Strictly RE 2023 conference themes:

- Depth
- Diversity
- Abrahamic Worldviews

Don't forget: By booking onto Strictly, you can attend the live sessions but you also get all the recordings and downloadable resources that are available from the weekend and weekday sessions that you didn't attend!

£135 per ticket: [Strictly RE 2023 – RE teacher conference with practical](#)



Tu Bishvat—

Jewish New

"I found a fruitful world because my ancestors planted it for me. Now I'm planting for my children and my children's children." (Talmud, Taanit 23A)

Sunday 5th February marks the New Year for trees this year, celebrated by many Jewish believers worldwide.



A great time to explore the Jewish story of creation and/or Adam and Eve, make links with Spring planting and growing and consider religious and non-religious perspectives on nature and the environment.

[The story of Honi the Circle Maker](#) is a popular traditional story in many Jewish communities. Pupils could explore the meaning of the story and key concepts such as faith, trust and commitment.

Receive funding for a classroom research project:

A fantastic opportunity for teachers with an interest in RE to further develop their knowledge and receive release time for their studies and research.

Applications

Application forms can be obtained by emailing:

farmington@hmc.ox.ac.uk

or by visiting our website at www.farmington.ac.uk

The closing date for applications for the academic year 2023 – 2024 is Sunday 29th January 2023.

University-based Scholarships may be taken in the form of day release for up to 30 days, with the Scholarships being taken within university terms. The academic facilities of the universities/colleges are available for University-based Scholars. Teachers awarded school/home-based Scholarships will be assigned a Farmington Tutor. The Scholarship may be taken in the form of day release, for instance one day a week over a term or over the year, or for continuous periods up to a maximum of 30 days, depending on the operational needs of the school.



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for headteachers and teachers of Religious Education and
associated subjects

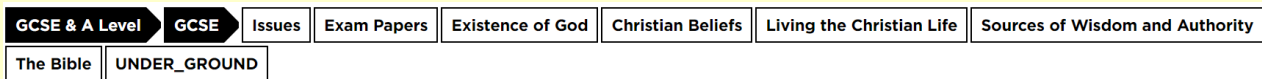
Academic Year 2023-2024

**Open to headteachers, secondary
and primary school teachers, and
teachers of RE to children with Spe-
cial Educational Needs**

GCSE and A level Christianity resources



The REQuest website contains an enormous bank of materials and resources to support the study of Christianity in all key stages. In particular, the resources for GCSE and A level are tailored to the exam specifications, with resources that can be filtered by the particular exam board you are using in your school. Information is organised around key headings linking with the exam board approach.



Further more, you can use the 'boards' function to set particular tasks and resources for your students and for them to share their learning. Registration is free.

[Resources - RE:quest \(request.org.uk\)](http://request.org.uk)

WIRE Award

HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR YOURS YET?

Raise the profile of RE in your school and celebrate your inclusive and diverse RE practice.

Just three boxes to tick:

1. attend some RE CPD
2. arrange a visit or visitor to/from a place of worship that is not Christian
3. take part in an additional RE event e.g. exhibition, art competition, multi-faith day.



To find out more: visit [WIRE Award – Bristol SACRE](#)