

RE Autumn Bulletin 2020



COVENTRY SACRE
Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education



Warwickshire SACRE
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On behalf of Coventry and Warwickshire SACREs, welcome back to school to all staff and pupils! We continue to offer you support with your RE teaching and learning. Please contact sacre@warwickshire.gov.uk with any requests or queries.

Key Dates for RE Festivals Autumn 2020

Religious Tradition/Worldview	Key Dates
Baha'i	18th th October The Birth of the Bab 19th th October The Birth of Baha'u'llah
Buddhism	1st October Pavarana Day (some uncertainty about the date) 30th October Anapanasati Day (some uncertainty about the date) 1st November Loy Kratong 8th December Bodhi Day
Christianity	September/October Harvest Festival [dates vary] 1st November All Saints' Day 2nd November All Souls' Day 29th November Advent Sunday 8th December Immaculate Conception [RC] 24th December Christmas Eve 25th December Christmas Day
Hinduism	2nd October Gandhi Jayanti 17th-25th October Navaratri 22nd-26th October Durga Puja 25th October Dassehra 14th November Divali / Deepavali
Islam	29th October (Sunni)/ 3rd November (Shi'a) Birthday of the Prophet Muhammad [Milad un Nabi]
Judaism*	19th - 20th September Rosh Hashanah 28th September Yom Kippur 3rd- 10th October Sukkot 11th October Simchat Torah 11th - 18th December Hanukah
Sikhism	1st September Installation of the Guru Granth Sahib in the Harmandir Sahib in Amritsar 20th October Conferring of Guruship on the Guru Granth Sahib in 1708 CE 14th November Divali /Bandi Chhor Divas 24th November Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur 30th November Birthday of Guru Nanak
Other	29th September Michaelmas 13th - 20th October Interfaith Week 8th November Remembrance Sunday 30th November St Andrew's Day 10th December Human Rights Day

*All Jewish festivals begin the night before at sundown



SACRE Website

Please remember the Warwickshire SACRE site is the place where both Coventry and Warwickshire schools can access the Coventry and Warwickshire Agreed Syllabus and additional units of work:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/sacreresources>

You will also find the following resources on this website:

- Westhill RE Subject Knowledge Videos and Road Map for developing teacher subject knowledge (Sikhism and Islam currently available)
- SACRE Suggested List of RE Visitors and Places of Worship for RE Visits
- Do and Don't Documents for teaching each tradition
- RE and Climate Change Resources for running a project in school with a debate included (in conjunction with Rugby Inter Faith Forum)
- Primary Peace and Reconciliation units to supplement the RE Syllabus
- Previous RE Bulletins
- Previous RE Subject Leader Twilight materials (Autumn 2018: Peace and Remembrance; Spring 2019: RE and Assessment; Summer 2019: RE and the Arts; RE:Philosophy & Ethics Spring 2020, Theologies of Reading: Approaches to Sacred Texts Spring 2020; RE for Well-Being July 2020)
- New to RE Subject Leadership CPD materials (with 2019 Ofsted Framework considerations) and RE Curriculum CPD materials (with 2019 Ofsted Framework considerations)
- Any new materials as they are produced and materials for any sessions we hold in 2020-2021 as they happen



RE Subject Leader Twilights

For the time being we will be conducting our RE Subject Leader Twilights via Microsoft Teams. Use the Event Brite links to sign up for each session and you will then be sent the Teams joining link nearer the time of the session.

Please see the chart below for when we plan to hold online sessions in Autumn 2020 and Spring 2021.

All previously planned face to face sessions for secondary (Orthodox Christianity & Teaching Abrahamic Faiths) are currently postponed and we will let you know as and when these can go ahead.

SACRE RE Subject Leader

Twilight Sessions Autumn 2020/Spring 2021

Date	Booking Link	Theme
Thursday 10th September 2020	https://www.eventbrite.com/e/re-for-well-being-cpd-tickets-114913027960	RE and Well-Being for your Recovery Curriculum This is a re-run of training offered in July 2020
Thursday 8th October 2020	https://www.eventbrite.com/e/teaching-non-religious-world-views-in-primary-school-tickets-111279528064	Teaching Non-Religious Worldviews Jennifer Jenkins in conjunction with Jane Sault (Humanist Rep for Warwickshire SACRE) and Bob Jelley (Humanist celebrant)
Thursday 26th November 2020	https://www.eventbrite.com/e/balanced-re-tickets-119878599117	Balanced RE Multidisciplinary RE through the three lenses of theology, philosophy and human & social sciences
Thursday 21st February 2021	https://www.eventbrite.com/e/teaching-re-vocabulary-tickets-119882719441	Teaching RE Vocabulary Ideas for teaching religious vocabulary, drawing upon retrieval practice and dual-coding theories



SACRE RE Subject Knowledge Enhancement Programme 2029-2021 (Westhill Grant Funded)

Sadly, this programme is currently suspended due to its dependency on large gatherings from multiple schools. As soon as we are able to re-launch we will begin with our Judaism Subject Knowledge session at Birmingham Progressive Synagogue. Following that we will be running sessions on Hinduism, Christianity and Buddhism.

The films, road maps and photo packs for our first two sessions on Sikhism and Islam are available at right at the bottom of the page:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/sacresources> and there are guidance notes on how to use these for developing teachers' subject knowledge. **They are not intended for use with pupils.**

Supporting RE in Your School

You can still request a 'monitoring visit' for your school but at the moment these can only be conducted via Microsoft Teams. The following can be looked at:

- RE Curriculum and Long Term Planning
- Progression within your RE Curriculum
- RE Subject Leader Action Planning
- Means for monitoring and evaluating RE
- RE and Assessment

Any documentation to be looked at would need to be sent to Jennifer Jenkins in advance of the meeting. If you are interested, please email

Jennifer.Jenkins@coventry.gov.uk (Coventry schools) and

jenniferjenkins@warwickshire.gov.uk (Warwickshire schools)



DUTY TO TEACH RE DURING 2020-2021

The latest guidance (September 7th 2020) from the Department for Education says:

The curriculum remains broad and ambitious

*All pupils continue to be taught **a wide range of subjects**, maintaining their choices for further study and employment.*

For KS1/KS2:

*The curriculum should remain broad, so that the majority of pupils are taught a full range of subjects over the year, including sciences, humanities, the arts, physical education/sport, **religious education** and relationships and health education.*

For KS3:

*For pupils in key stage 3, the curriculum should also remain broad from year 7 to year 9 so that the majority of pupils are taught a full range of subjects over the year, including sciences, languages, humanities, the arts, physical education/sport, **religious education** and relationships, sex and health education. For pupils in year 7, it may be necessary to address gaps in English and maths by teaching essential knowledge and skills from the key stage 2 curriculum.*

For KS4/KS5:

The majority of pupils in year 10 and 11 are expected to continue to study their examination subjects. This will support them towards their preferred route to further study.

***In exceptional circumstances**, it may be in the best interests of a year 11 pupil to discontinue an examined subject because the school judges that, for example, they would achieve significantly better in their remaining subjects as a result, especially in GCSE English and mathematics.*

Nick Gibb MP, Minister for schools, has given a clear and fulsome answer to a question from Luke Pollard MP regarding schools and RE.

We note from his answer below that he restates that;

- **State-funded schools in England have a duty to teach religious education to all pupils aged 5 to 18 years**
- **where pupils do not choose Religious Studies as an examination subject, the requirement to teach religious education still applies.**

- An agreed syllabus can stipulate that pupils follow an accredited qualification such as GCSE

He also clearly says that in the reopening of schools;

- Religious education is explicitly stated as one of the subjects that should be taught

Statement taken from: <http://www.natre.org.uk/news/latest-news/schools-minister-reiterates-schools-duty-to-teach-re-to-all-pupils-aged-5-18/>

Collective Worship During 2020-2021

The latest guidance (September 7th 2020) from the Department for Education says:

Groups should be kept apart, meaning that schools should avoid large gatherings such as assemblies or collective worship with more than one group.

Singing, wind and brass playing should not take place in larger groups such as choirs and ensembles, or assemblies unless significant space, natural airflow (at least 10l/s/person for all present, including audiences) and strict social distancing and mitigation as described below can be maintained.

The law that requires an act of daily worship to take place in schools is still in place. There is currently no expectation for the whole school/large groups of several classes or year groups to meet together due to measures in place to control the Coronavirus Pandemic. Where social distancing and a bubble system is in place this may be possible within the risk assessment for your school. Schools are encouraged to use online means to ensure collective worship is still going ahead in classrooms where possible or making use of the outdoors where larger groupings are desired.



Godly Play have provided a free resource for class-based collective worship: https://www.godlyplay.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Collective-Worship-Autumn-2020.pdf?fbclid=IwAR2pZFgvHzCQfjcNu-uVWHIjhTBJlvYBGg2z_ccosEkl1J6Rbtr4NhE18YE



Coventry DBE RE Subject Leader CPD Sessions

Coventry Diocesan Board of Education are opening their CPD sessions for RE Subject Leaders to teachers from non-Church schools at a cost of £40 per session. These sessions will be run by Jennifer Jenkins.

Tuesday 15th September 2020 4.00-5.30pm RE and Well-Being: Christianity-

This CPD session will look at various aspects of well-being found within the Christian faith and will provide suggested classroom activities to support your 'recovery curriculum' as pupils return to school.

Tuesday 20th October 2020 4.00-5.30pm RE and Assessment-

This CPD session will look at assessment within RE, sharing some suggested tasks and approaches for both formative and summative assessment.

Tuesday 9th February 2021 4.00-5.30pm Teaching the Breadth of Christianity-

This CPD session will focus on some of the expressions of Christianity that are not as well-known and will also look at different cultural expressions of the Christian faith.

Tuesday 2nd March 2021 4.00-5.30pm The Case for the Beautiful in RE-

This CPD session will explore ways in which beautiful and inspiring images and artefacts can support learning in RE and develop pupils' cultural capital

Tuesday 9th March 2021 4.00-5.30pm Teaching Judaism at Primary School-

This CPD session will feature Ros Johnson, Judaism Representative for Coventry SACRE and will feature both subject knowledge and approaches for teaching Judaism in the primary classroom.

Tuesday 4th May and Tuesday 18th May 2021 4.00-5.30pm Developing Children's Spirituality 1 & 2-

These two CPD sessions will support you in understanding how pupils' spirituality develops and ways in which you can support and nurture it in school.

To book onto these sessions, please email: Alison.watson@coventrydbe.org

Primary RE 1000 Project with RE Today

Giving primary schools access to high-quality RE resources

There is still the opportunity to take up this excellent offer.

The National Association of Teachers of RE (NATRE) has received generous funding to support more primary schools with high quality RE resources. Helping to deliver RE in engaging and exciting ways, Primary RE 1000 offers a special two year Bronze membership package.

Only available to eligible schools, NATRE aims to increase access to fantastic resources, and this funding has made it possible at a subsidized price of just £55. If you would like to find out if your school is eligible please email me:

jennifer.jenkins@coventry.gov.uk (Coventry schools) or

jenniferjenkins@warwickshire.gov.uk (Warwickshire schools). If you ARE eligible,

I can send you a discount code and you will need to quote me as your referrer in order to get the discounted offer. More details on this project can be found here:

<http://www.natre.org.uk/membership/primary-re-1000/>





For those of you who have a Twitter account

#REchatUK is every first Monday of the month 8-9pm.

Just use the hashtag and join in.

07 Sept	How can I use virtual trips and visitors in RE?
05 Oct	How can I develop my leadership of RE?
02 Nov	How can I creatively teach about festivals in RE? .

New Twitter account to follow:

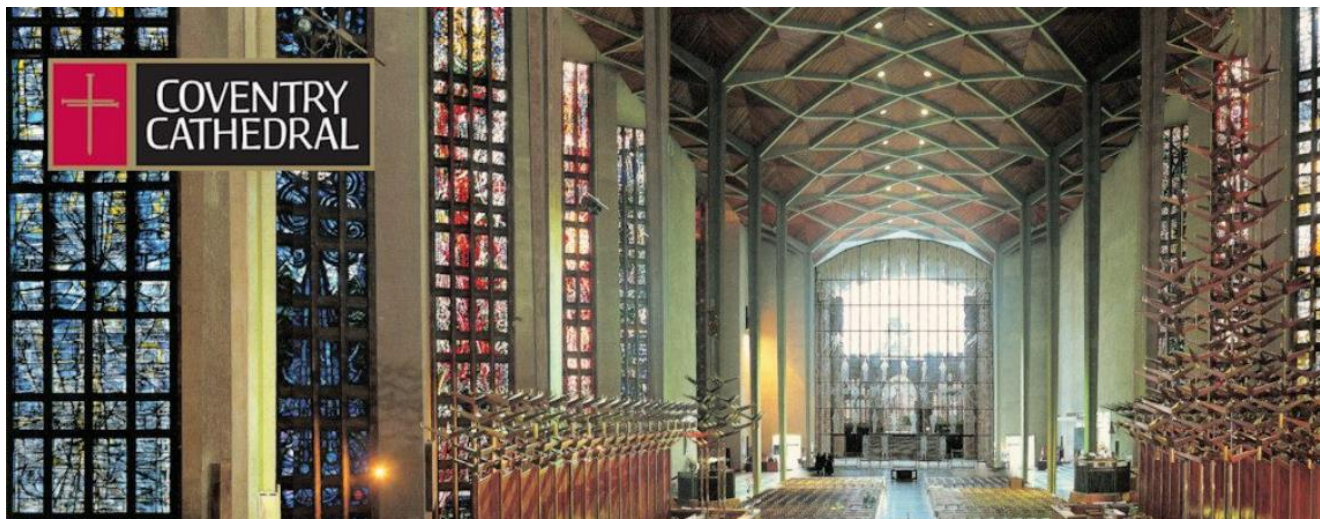


Top Tip:
Following key RE accounts on Twitter keeps you up-to-date with what is happening in the world of RE.

Recommended accounts:

@NATREupdate
@IFWeek
@NATREspiritarts
@CommisiononRE
@Ben_Wood_RE
@REQualityMark
@reonline_tweets
@RECouncil
@NASACRE
@fionajmoss

Coventry Cathedral School Visits



Coventry Cathedral are still able to offer school visits. See their website: <https://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/wpsite/school-visits/> or email Stella.perry@coventrycathedral.org.uk to discuss your visiting needs.

Online Teaching & Learning Resources for RE



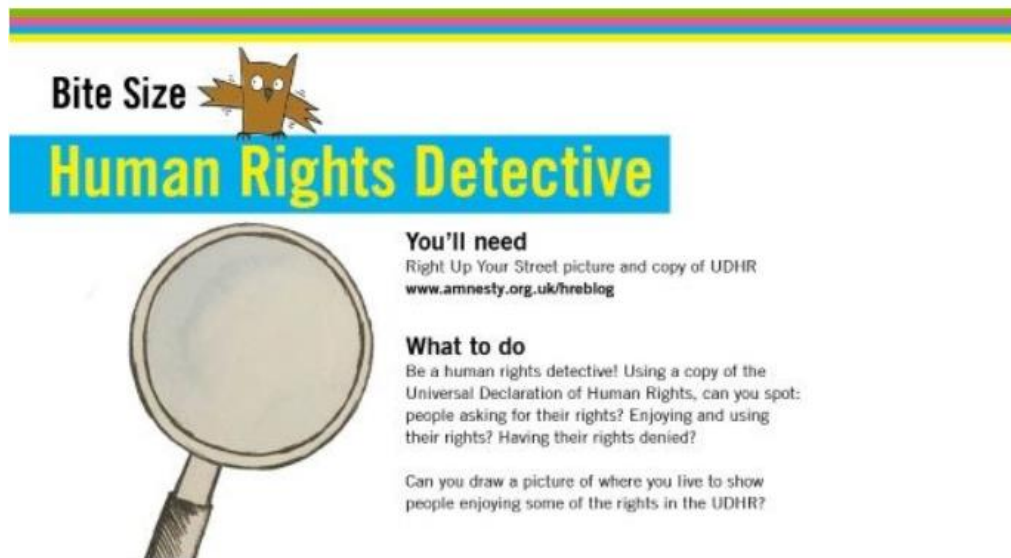
Online video tour of places of worship in London:

<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/history-the-arts/culture/religious-studies/exploring-religion-london>



Virtual classrooms and online artefact collections:

<https://jewishmuseum.org.uk/virtual-classrooms/>



Human Rights activity from Amnesty International

<https://www.amnesty.org.uk/blogs/classroom-community/human-rights-detective-bite-size-activity>



BBC Bitesize continue to share resources for RE teaching and learning:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zh3rkqt?utm_source=emailmarketing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=professional_natre_members_newsletter_apr_2020&utm_content=2020-04-07



NATRE continue to provide activities for home learning:

<https://www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/free-resources-for-you-and-your-pupils/>

Design an Airport Multi-Faith and Belief Room

An online RE activity for pupils around designing an airport multi-faith room:

<https://simplycollectiveworship.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/RE-Project-Learning-Resource-Multi-Faith-And-Belief-Room.pdf>



Online resources from Westminster Abbey:

<https://www.westminster-abbey.org/learning/teaching-resources>



A-Level webinars for RE (great for teacher subject knowledge too!):

<https://www1.chester.ac.uk/theology-and-religious-studies/schools-engagement/trs-chester-level-webinars>

Online CPD Opportunities for RE Teachers & Subject Leaders

Strictly RE 2021 - save the date!



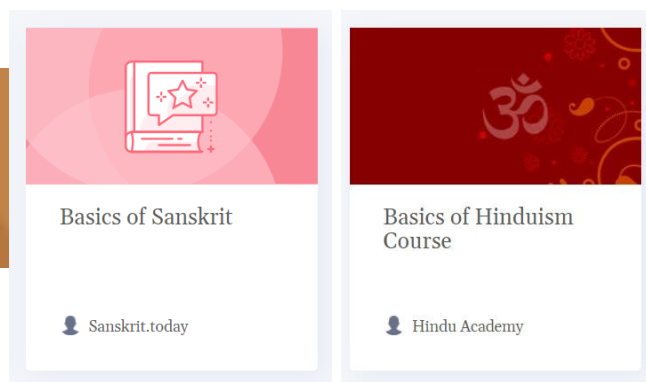
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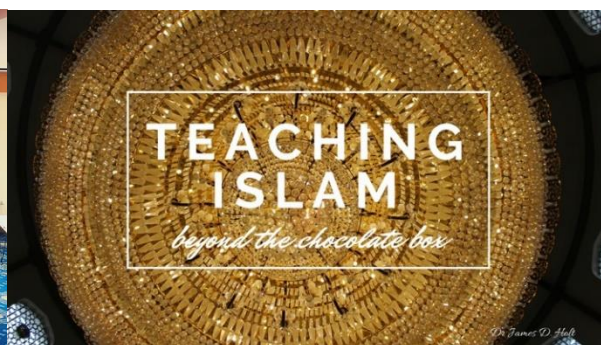
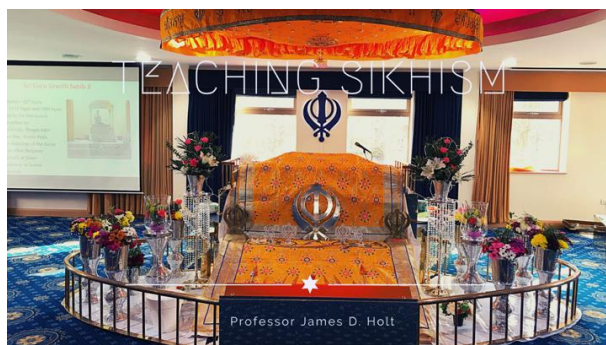
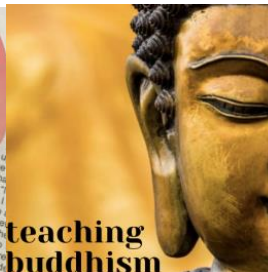
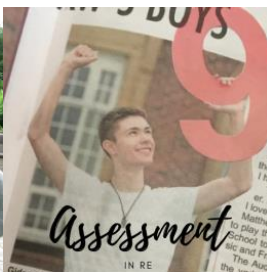
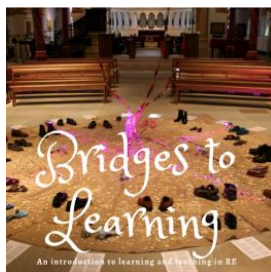
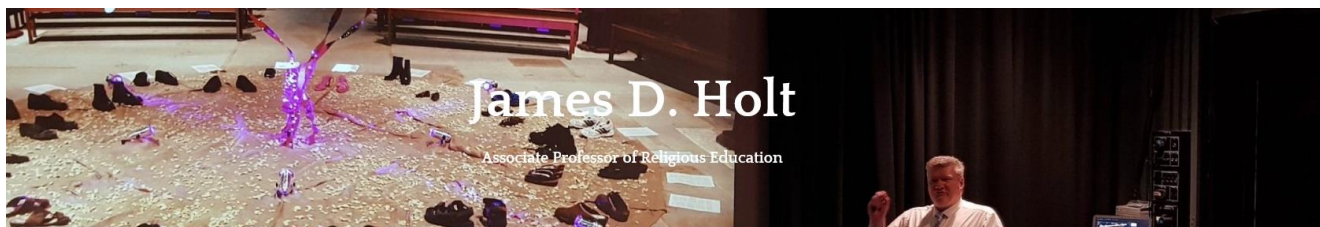
We are very excited to share with you the date for Strictly RE 2021. This time we will be hosting our national annual conference online, giving many more of you the chance to join us from across the UK and beyond.

NATRE's Strictly RE conference will be online in 2021! Ticket release to follow. I will be presenting a seminar this year on 'Teaching the Breadth of Christianity'



<https://hindu-academy.coachzippy.com/>





<https://jamesdholt.com/cpd/>

TeachMeet Icons

Free subject specific events by teachers, for teachers



Next meeting Saturday 19th September 2020 1pm. Get tickets here:

<https://www.teachmeeticons.com/re>



RE Online have launched a new, free RE subject leadership module as part of their Teach:RE course:

<https://www.reonline.org.uk/news/new-teachre-primary-leadership-module/>



New Primary RE Subject Knowledge document available for free download on TES:

<https://www.tes.com/teaching-resource/primary-re-subject-knowledge-document-12361009>



Helpful blog about RE visits:

https://teachers-talk.natre.org.uk/getting-the-most-out-of-visits-to-places-of-worship-ks1-ks2/?utm_source=emailmarketing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=professional_natre_members_newsletter_july_2020&utm_content=2020-09-03



Religious Studies

Downloadable PDFs on Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam and Judaism alongside some learning activities:

<https://era.org.uk/ideas-guides/subject-collections/religious-studies/>

RExChange



Saturday 3rd October

10am-4.15pm

This conference is now full, to be added to the waiting list please please
email enquiries@cstg.org.uk.

This online conference is for teachers, advisers, leaders and members of religious and
non-religious worldview communities

This online conference from Culham St Gabriels is now full but you can be asked to
be placed on a waiting list.

<https://www.cstg.org.uk/programmes/rexchange/>

RE Resources

RE Grants
for schools...

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The Jerusalem Trust's Small Grants to Schools Scheme

Resourcing the teaching of Christianity within Religious Education

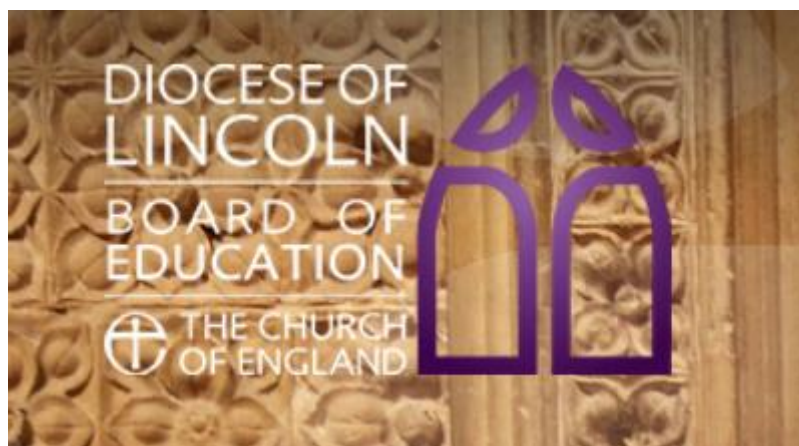
Grants of up to
£600
available!



£24,250
Granted in the
last 60 days!

<http://www.regrants.org.uk/>

<https://www.islamresources.co.uk/>



The Diocese of Lincoln have produced some great concept maps for Christianity, Judaism, Islam and Hinduism:

<https://www.lincolndiocesaneducation.com/page/?title=Lincolnshire+Agreed+Syllabus%3A+++++++Key+Concepts&pid=79>

PUTTING **BIG IDEAS** INTO PRACTICE IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Barbara Wintersgill
with Denise Cush & Dave Francis

Downloadable here: <https://www.reonline.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Putting-big-ideas-into-Practice.pdf>

This resource features a range of images of Jesus:

<https://www.miat.org.au/jesus-laughing-ex/Jesus%20Laughing%20and%20Loving%20-%20Web%20Copy.pdf>



Sign up here for a free weekly story across different themes and traditions and find out about their 'Story Tent Days' built on the same principles as Scriptural Reasoning:

http://www.storytent.concordant.online/?utm_campaign=Stories%20of%20Hope&utm_source=hs_email&utm_medium=email&utm_content=85716495&hsenc=p2ANqtz-9rfK7em-uZreTdHctT5B4RaCS3j7DAaLbsA5As2Fdgnlo418T_oGDHnZe0WUBhHafTMBombu6h9giKafrAs2zkPjLQE_gqkgz-QRDDxZuIgZ4U1I1MSMAp6ZJDsEjEccx9mKZG&hsmi=85749082



A resource book on Teaching Controversial Issues:

<https://rm.coe.int/CoERMPublicCommonSearchServices/DisplayDCTMContent?documentId=09000016806948b6>



Quakers in Britain

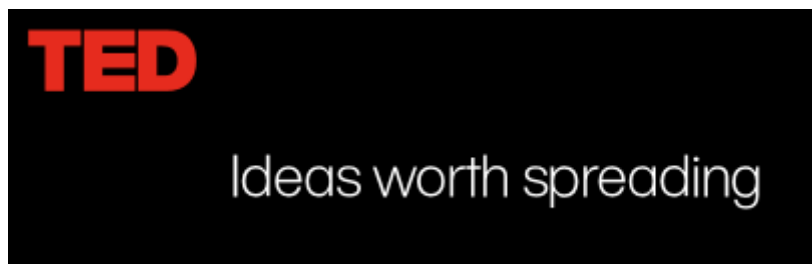
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Teaching resources

Resources from Quakers in Britain on teaching peace:

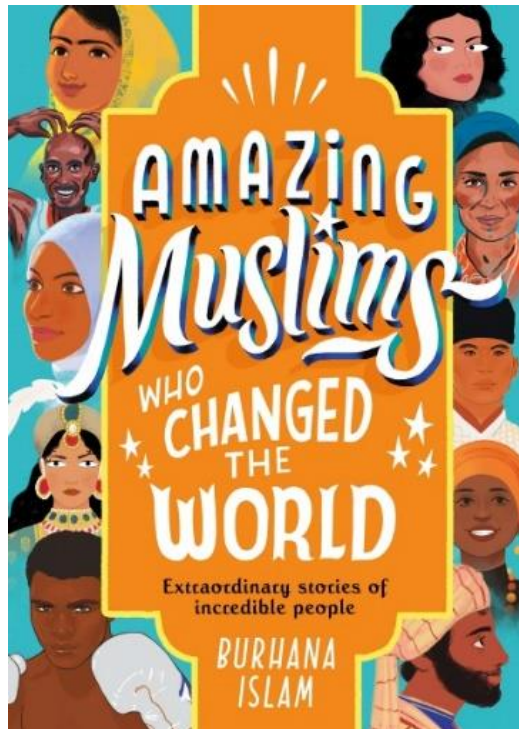
<https://www.quaker.org.uk/resources/free-resources/teaching-resources-2>



TED Talk by Ghada Wali on using Lego to teach Arabic:

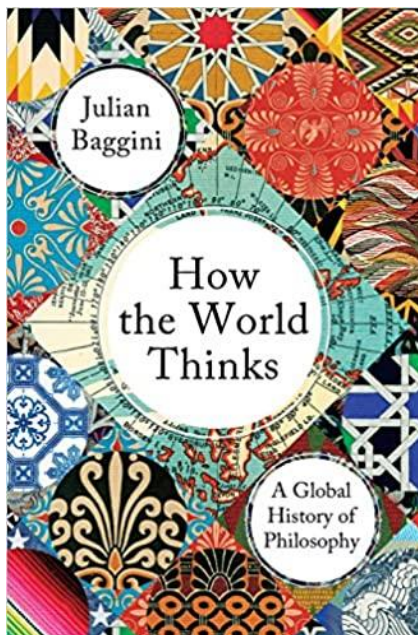
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NEW!! RE Book Recommendation Zone



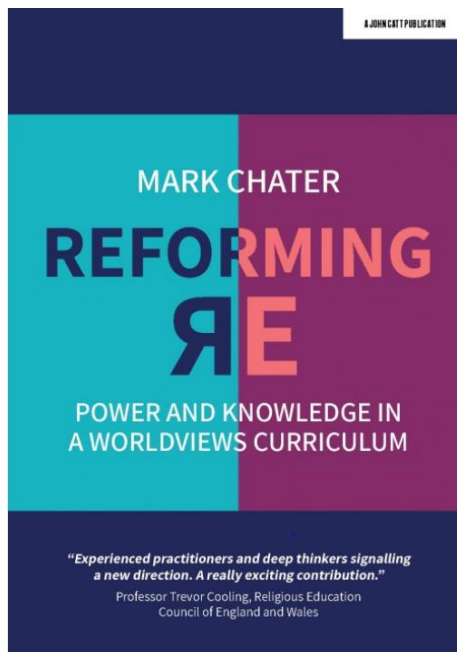
This is a new book to enlarge pupils' understanding of the positive effect of Islam globally

<https://www.penguin.co.uk/books/316/316726/amazing-muslims-who-changed-the-world/9780241441800.html#:~:text=You'll%20find%20people%20you,Razia%3A%20a%20fear%20some%20female%20ruler.>



This is an excellent book for developing subject knowledge for teachers and is also the first pick for the new RE Book Club on Twitter!

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/How-World-Thinks-History-Philosophy/dp/1783782285>



This is a must-read for keeping up with current thinking about RE
<https://www.johncattbookshop.com/reforming-religious-education>