



RE Spring Bulletin

COVENTRY SACRE

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education



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Key Dates for RE Festivals Spring 2019

Religious Tradition/Worldview	Key Dates
Baha'i	21 March Naw-Ruz
Buddhism	19 February Magha Puja 8 April Hanamatsuri (Japan)
Christianity	2 February Presentation of Christ in the Temple/Candlemas 5 March Shrove Tuesday 6 March Ash Wednesday/start of Lent (Catholic/Anglican) 11 March Great Lenten Fast begins (Orthodox) 25 March The Annunciation (Catholic/Anglican/Orthodox) 31 March Mothering Sunday 7 April Passion Sunday 14 April Palm Sunday 14-20 April Holy Week 18 April Maundy Thursday 19 April Good Friday 20 April Holy Saturday 21 April Easter Day 28 April Pascha (Orthodox)
Hinduism	14/15 January Lohri / Makar Sankranti / Ponga 9/10 February Sarasvati Puja /Vasant Panchami 4 March Mahashivratri 21 March Holi 14 April Rama Navami 19 April Hanuman Jayanti
Islam	3 April The Prophet's Night Journey and Ascent into Heaven 20-21 April The Night of Forgiveness [Lailat-ul- Bara'ah]
Jainism	17 April Mahavira Jayanti
Judaism*	21 January Tu B'Sheva 21 March Purim 20-27 April Passover / Pesach
Sikhism	5/13 January Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh 9/10 February Basant / Vasant 21/22 March Hola Mohalla 14 April Vaisakhi/Baisakhi
Other	20 January World Religion Day 27 January Holocaust Memorial Day 1 March St David's Day 17 March St Patrick's Day 23 April St George's 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/sacresources>

We are looking to provide a list of SACRE-recommended visitors from different faith traditions and world views and a list of places of worship for school visits.

This will be posted on the Warwickshire SACRE website when it is available, hopefully in early 2019.

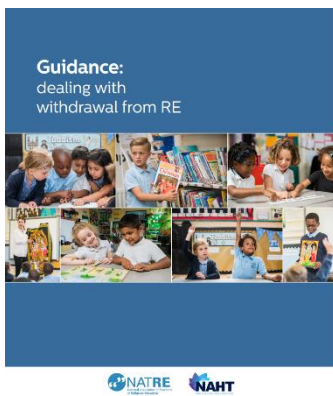


RE Subject Leader Twilight **Thursday 7th February 2019 at Seva School in Coventry (Eden Rd, Coventry CV2 2SR)**

The theme for this event will be 'Assessment in RE', as requested by a significant number of RE subject leaders at the last twilight session. It will offer ideas and activities for assessing pupils' learning and understanding in RE. There will also be some guidance on withdrawal from RE and visits to places of worship.

This event is open to primary and secondary colleagues.

To book a place email: sacre@warwickshire.gov.uk



Withdrawal From RE

This seems to be a growing issue at the moment, regarding visits to mosques in particular. NATRE and NAHT have jointly released this guidance booklet.

You can download it here:

https://www.natre.org.uk/uploads/Free%20Resources/18-15676_NAHT%20RE%20withdrawal%20document_final.pdf



An RE Survey went out to schools electronically via the weekly Head Teacher e-briefing but this did not yield a great response so we are re-opening the surveys during February 2019. This is a really important tool for SACRE to gain a snapshot of what is happening with regards to RE provision in schools and to offer you are support. Please complete the survey:

Coventry Schools: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RE-Survey>

Warwickshire Schools:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfVCymPq4ZKosBS_dIL93YOaMKfoCvUlyFRcF00EsY7aghvZg/viewform

The Very Reverend **Dr John Hall** is Dean of Westminster and chair of the Commission on Religious Education
www.commissiononre.org.uk



John Hall's article, *Religion and Belief*, responding to the recent CORE Report here:
https://www.natre.org.uk/uploads/Free%20Resources/GM.Nov_Dec2018.12.CurriculumReform_JohnHall.pdf



International Cross
of Nails Schools

Information about becoming an ICON (International Cross of Nails) School can be obtained here
<http://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/wpsite/icon-schools/>

(ICONS) is an increasing network of schools around the world that have recognised the opportunity for introducing the principles of reconciliation into their school community. For more information and to request a leaflet, email Emma Griffiths, Associate Director of Reconciliation, at Emma.Griffiths@CoventryCathedral.org.uk



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.
Upcoming chat topics:

07 January Teaching about Sikhism

04 February Teaching about Hinduism

04 March Teaching about Judaism

01 April Teaching about non-religious world views and less
commonly taught religions

<https://www.natre.org.uk/courses-events/rechatuk/>

Last Call!

STRICTLY RE 2019



97% OF 2018 DELEGATES RATED EXCELLENT/VERY GOOD

For details and booking information for the NATRE 'Strictly RE' Conference on
Saturday 26th January 2019 see this website: [https://www.natre.org.uk/courses-
events/strictlyRE-2019/](https://www.natre.org.uk/courses-events/strictlyRE-2019/)



Spirited Poetry Competition

NATRE are running a poetry competition this year.

This year's competition will be run over three terms. This will allow schools to have it as a focal point for National Poetry Day this year and/or World Poetry Day next year. Schools are invited to send in up to ten poems in one of the categories or in a variety of them. Entrance is open to children and young people aged 5–19, and the closing date for the competition is 31 July 2019.

For more information, see the website below:

[https://www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/projects/spirited-arts/spirited-poetry-
2019/](https://www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/projects/spirited-arts/spirited-poetry-2019/)

Spirited Arts Competition



NATRE's annual Spirited Arts competition, 'Art in Heaven', is underway. The categories for this year are:

- Pilgrimages and journeys
- Questions, Questions
 - Where is God?
- Windows on the Soul
 - Mysteries of Life

You can download an entry pack here:

https://www.natre.org.uk/uploads/Spirited%20Arts/Spirited%20Arts%202019%20entry%20form%20final.pdf?utm_source=emailmarketing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=primary_december_2018_newsletter_with_download&utm_content=2018-12-13

All entries must arrive at NATRE by 31st July 2019

Useful Resources

Subject Knowledge for RE



We know this can be daunting for some non-specialist RE teachers. RE Online offer the following pages which are a good starting point for developing subject knowledge:

<http://www.reonline.org.uk/knowning/what-re/>

If you would like to do a course to improve your RE subject knowledge, there is one from Teach RE costing £150:

<https://www.teachre.co.uk/teach-re-course/teachre-tailor-made/>

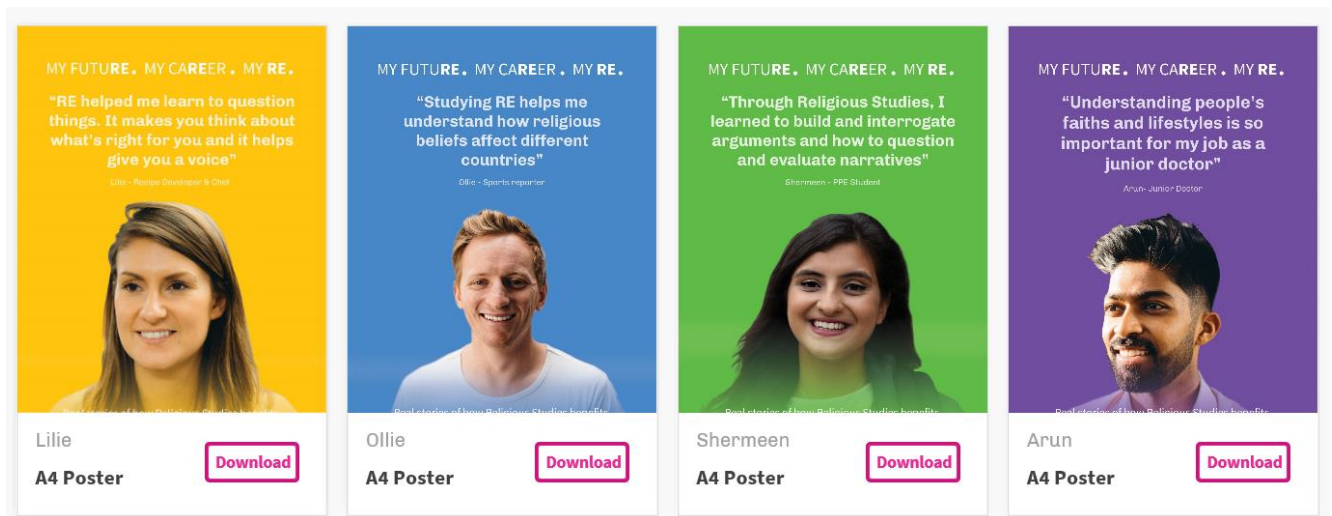
True Tube <https://www.truetube.co.uk/>



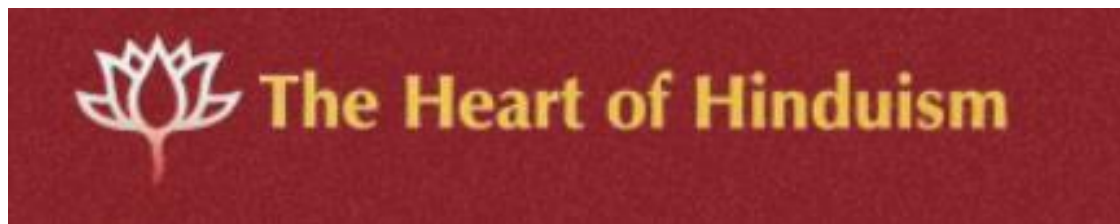
Award-winning resources for RE, PSHE & Citizenship

RE Career Posters

Downloadable posters to help you promote the value of RE in your school/college.



<http://casestudies.reonline.org.uk/teaching-resources/>



Iskcon Education have updated their Heart of Hinduism teacher resources. Take a look here:

<https://iskconeducationservices.org/HoH/extras-further-reading/teacher-resources/>



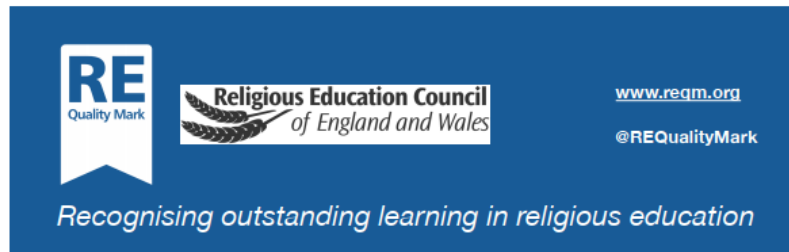
<https://springsdancecompany.org.uk/images/downloads/Easter-Project-for-Primary-Schools-2019ER.pdf>

REQM Award



Outstanding RE is now acknowledged, celebrated and publicised.

If you know your learners have great experiences in RE, the RE Quality Mark will give you national recognition for the work you do.



What is the RE Quality Mark?

The RE Quality Mark has been developed to celebrate good RE in all sectors and phases of education in England, Northern Ireland and Wales.

The REQM has five strands:

- ★ Learners and Learning
- ★ Teachers and Teaching
- ★ Curriculum
- ★ Subject leadership
- ★ Continuing Professional Development

Schools applying for the REQM use the school evidence form and the pupil questionnaire (available on the website) highlight their progress.

An REQM assessor visits the school, interviews learners and meets the subject leader and a member of the senior leadership team.



There are three award levels: bronze, silver and gold.

What do I do next?

- ★ Visit the website, explore the criteria and apply online.
- ★ Email admin@reqm.org to find out more.
- ★ The cost of REQM is £475 for each school.

www.reqm.org





Congratulations to the Year 3 class at Keresley Grange Academy who won the Coventry Peace Poem competition with their wonderful poem. You can read the poem here: <https://coventrycityofpeace.uk/childrens-peace-poem-winners/>

Copies of the anthology of 2018 peace poems can be purchased here: <https://covlmpc.ecwid.com/>

Local RE Events

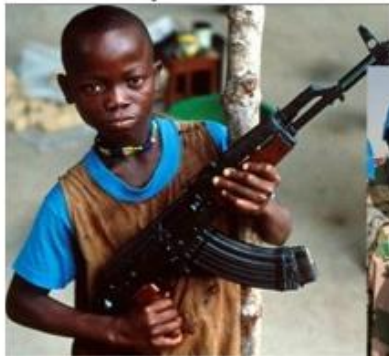
Coventry Schools War, Peace and Reconciliation Conference

Tuesday 19 March

10am-3pm

Years 12-13

War, Peace and Reconciliation



www.unacov.uk

United Nations Association
Coventry Branch
Schools Conference
Warwick University
19 March 2019



The United Nations Association Coventry Branch invites sixth formers to its War, Peace and Reconciliation conference 10am-3pm on Tuesday 19 March at University of Warwick.

In a series of workshops they will explore how the United Nations is involved in War, Peace and Reconciliation. Does the UN succeed or fail to prevent wars and restore peace? What does it do about reconciliation after conflict? Why are these questions important in the lives of young people?

The conference will be delivered by students from Coventry and Warwick Universities who have been trained as United Nations Association Ambassadors.

Students are responsible for making their own way onto campus, however, staff are welcome to attend as well if you would like to bring a group of students.

The event is free of charge.

Who can apply?

This event is likely to be oversubscribed so priority will be given to students who are in Year 12 at a state school/college and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Come from a home where neither parent attended university in the UK or abroad
- Eligible for free school meals
- Attend a school with above the national average entitlement to Free School Meals*
- Attend a school with below average performance at KS5*
- Live in a neighbourhood with low progression rates to university^
- Living/lived in care

<http://unacov.uk/events/schools-wpr-conference-2019/>



OUTSTANDING PRACTICE IN PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS

Including British Values

Date: Thursday 4th April 2019

Time: 4.15-5.30pm

Aimed at: Primary and Secondary
phase Religious Education
Coordinators

*An exciting opportunity to share best
practice from Primary through to A
Level in the teaching of Philosophy and
Ethics.*

*Guest speakers will provide practical
strategies for participants to take
away.*



RE
Quality Mark
GOLD

£25 per person (non-Alliance schools) £20 per person (Alliance schools)

Email STA@welearn365.com or telephone 01926 812560 to book a place!

Local RE networks



Coventry and Warwickshire SACREs are keen to know about any existing RE teacher networks. If you are part of one, please send details to:

Jennifer.Jenkins@coventry.gov.uk (Coventry area)

jenniferjenkins@warwickshire.gov.uk (Warwickshire area)

Help Needed!



Emma Griffiths (Associate Director of Reconciliation at Coventry Cathedral) is looking to recruit some schools to help with the launch of the KS3 RE Peace Building Curriculum, which will fit with the KS3 content of the Coventry and Warwickshire Agreed Syllabus. KS3 RE teachers are needed to trial some lessons and offer critical feedback. Your school will be credited in the publication as part of this exciting development. Please contact Emma if you would like to take up this opportunity: emma.griffiths@coventrycathedral.org.uk

Summer RE Bulletin



Next RE bulletin due out May 2019. If you have anything you think would be useful to share with Coventry and Warwickshire RE teachers, please email me to let me know:

Jennifer.Jenkins@coventry.gov.uk (Coventry Schools)

jenniferjenkins@warwickshire.gov.uk (Warwickshire schools)



What did your school do to commemorate the centenary of the end of World War 1? SACRE would love to hear from you, and see some photographs, if you have any to share. Email on the address above to share your great RE work around peace and remembrance. Thank you.

Have a great Spring Term 2019!