# **RE Spring Bulletin 2020**









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### **Key Dates for RE Festivals Spring 2020**

Religious Tradition/Worldview	Key Dates	
Baha'i	19th January World Religion Day	
	20 <sup>th</sup> March Naw-Ruz	
	20th April to1st May Ridvan	
Buddhism	16 <sup>th</sup> January Shinran Mem. Day	
	25 <sup>th</sup> January Honen Mem. Day	
	25 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> January Losar	
	8th/15th February Parinirvana /Nirvana Day	
	9 <sup>th</sup> February Magha Puja*	
	8 <sup>th</sup> April Hanamatsuri	
	13 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> April Songkran	
Christianity	6 <sup>th</sup> January Epiphany [Anglican/RC]	
	6 <sup>th</sup> January Theophany [Orthodox]	
	6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve/Day [Orthodox]	
	12 <sup>th</sup> January Baptism of Christ [Anglican]	
	12th January Baptism of the Lord [RC]	
	19th Theophany [Orthodox] (Julian Calendar)	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> February Presentation of Christ in the Temple /Candlemas	
	25th February Shrove Tuesday	
	26 <sup>th</sup> February Ash Wednesday	
	26 <sup>th</sup> February - April 11th Lent	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> March Great Lenten Fast begins [Orthodox]	
	19th March St Joseph	
	22 <sup>nd</sup> March Mothering Sunday	
	25 <sup>th</sup> March The Annunciation [Anglican/Orthodox/RC]	
	29th March Passion Sunday	
	5 <sup>th</sup> April Palm Sunday	
	5th-11 <sup>th</sup> April Holy Week	
	9th April Maundy Thursday	
	10 <sup>th</sup> April Good Friday	
	11 <sup>th</sup> April Holy Saturday	
	12 <sup>th</sup> April Easter Day	
	19th April Pascha [Orthodox]	
Hinduism	12th January Birthday of Swami Vivekananda	
muusm	14 <sup>th</sup> /15 <sup>th</sup> January Lohri / Makar Sankranti / Pongal	
	*29 <sup>th</sup> /30 <sup>th</sup> January Sarasvati Puja /Vasant Panchami	
	21st February Mahashivratri	
	9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> March Holi	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> April Rama Navami	
	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> April Hanuman Jayanti	
Islam	22 <sup>nd</sup> March The Prophet's Night Journey and Ascent into Heaven [Isra and	
	Mi'raj]	
	8th April The Night of Forgiveness [Lailat-ul Bara'ah]	
Judaism**	10 <sup>th</sup> February Tu B'Shevat	
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	9 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> April Passover /Pesach	
Sikhism	2 <sup>nd</sup> /13 <sup>th</sup> January Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh	
Sikilishi	9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> February Basant / Vasant	
	10 <sup>th</sup> 11th March Hola Mohalla	
	14 <sup>th</sup> April Vaisakhi/ Baisakhi	
Other	1st January New Year's Day /Hogmanay	
Oulei	19th January World Religion Day	
	27 <sup>th</sup> January Holocaust Mem. Day	
	1st March St David's Day	
	17th March St Patrick's Day	
	23 <sup>rd</sup> April St George's Day	
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<sup>\*</sup>Some uncertainty about the date\*\*All Jewish festivals begin the night before at sundown

### **Locating SACRE RE Resources**



## **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:

- SACRE Suggested List of RE Visitors and Places of Worship for RE Visits
- RE and Climate Change Resources for running a project in school with a debate included (in conjunction with Rugby Inter Faith Forum)
- 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)
- New to RE Subject Leadership CPD materials (with Ofsted Framework considerations 2019)
- RE Curriculum CPD materials (also linked with Ofsted Framework 2019)
- Any new materials as they are produced and materials for any sessions we hold in 2019-2020 (including a 'RE Curriculum' presentation coming soon)
- Brand new section where our RE Subject Knowledge Enhancement materials will be housed. These include film clips for teacher CPD for use in schools and a 'Road Map' document with suggested resources and teaching approaches for each featured tradition. The focus religions for 2019-20 are: Sikhism, Islam and Judaism (see below for further information).

## **Local RE CPD Opportunities**



### **RE Subject Leader Twilights**

We have two new twilight sessions for RE leaders in Coventry & Warwicksire for Spring Term 2020. Book now so you don't miss out.

If your **curriculum intent** involves developing **critical thinkers**, this may be the session for you:



Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020 4.30-6.00pm Pound Lane Learning Centre, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire CV32 7RT

Booking through Eventbrite <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/74260303567">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/74260303567</a>

**RE Curriculum Session:**Philosophy & Ethics in
RE

Primary & Secondary (split session with Alice Thomas from Southam College)

If your **curriculum intent** involves ensuring all pupils are **readers**, this may be the session for you:



Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020 4.30-6.00pm

Friargate – Room M1.3 Station Square, Coventry West Midlands, CV1 2FL

Booking through Eventbrite <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/74260654617">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/74260654617</a>

RE Curriculum Session:

'Theologies of Reading': approaches to sacred texts and using reading in RE

Primary & Secondary

You are welcome to attend both sessions.

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## Coventry and Warwickshire SACRE RE Subject Knowledge Enhancement Project

Venue	Date	Religious Tradition*	
Nuneaton Mosque	Thursday 5th March	Islam	
	2020 4.00-6.00pm		
Birmingham	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	Judaism	
<b>Progressive Synagogue</b>	5.00-7.00pm (to allow		
	for travel)		

FREE CPD SESSIONS. Book on to remaining 2 sessions now using Event Brite links below! First come, first served.

Feedback from 1st session on Sikhism:

**Talk Content:** 100% Excellent

**Tour Content:** 100% Excellent

**Organisation:** 100% Excellent

Really useful and wellorganised event- lovely to have follow up materials as well.

Absolutely everything- thank you so very much for this opportunity.

**Islam:** <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sacre-re-subject-knowledge-islam-tickets-72923013697">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sacre-re-subject-knowledge-islam-tickets-72923013697</a>

Judaism: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sacre-re-subject-knowledge-judaism-tickets-72934716701">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sacre-re-subject-knowledge-judaism-tickets-72934716701</a>

- Each session is held in a place of worship
- Tour of place of worship with key features and links to practices pointed out
- Talk by relevant SACRE member to give a basic overview of the faith
- Q&A session (as needed)
- Filming by a professional filmographer so that the tour and talk can be used back in school for staff meetings and CPD (as short film clips)
- 'Road Map' suggesting approaches and resources to be used back in school for teaching that tradition/worldview

Certificates of Attendance for RE Subject Leadership file as evidence you have been intentional about developing your subject knowledge.



These sessions are free and will provide you with good RE subject knowledge.



We are looking to hear from any schools that have already revamped their RE curriculum in light of the new Ofsted framework and would like to share their curriculum journey with others. Please email Jennifer

Jenkins: <u>Jennifer.Jenkins@coventry.gov.uk</u> <u>jenniferjenkins@warwickshire.gov.uk</u>

#### **Diocesan Board of Education Offer for RE Leads**

In 2020 SACRE and DBE continue to run RE Subject Leader Sessions on the same day and at the same venue, so you only need to come out of school once.

The DBE are making their CPD sessions available to all schools, not just CE schools, as a further way of spreading CPD locally. These sessions run at a cost of £25 for non-church schools. There will likely be an element of church school distinctiveness to these sessions but they will also provide valuable CPD on a range of subjects. YOU MUST BOOK ON TO THIS SESSION AND THE SACRE SESSION SEPARATELY.

#### **RE and Church School Development Meetings**

free place for DSA subscribers Cost:

Venue: to be advised on booking

Thursday 19 September 2019, 1.30pm to 4.00pm Dates:

Thursday 23 January 2020, 1.30pm to 4.00pm

Tuesday 09 June 2020, 1.30pm to 4.00pm

Run by Fiona Moss of RE **Today** 

These termly events provide an opportunity for RE Leaders and those responsible for Church School Distinctiveness to meet together. Delegates will receive local and national updates, share good practice and resources. As well as RE, these sessions will also cover elements of SMSC including collective worship. It is a wonderful opportunity to network with other professionals and to be inspired in your practice.

To book a place contact: CoventryDBE@CovCofE.org or call 01788 422800

Diocesan Board of Education, Craven Road, Rugby CV21 3JZ

www.dioceseofcoventry.org/dbe

Fiona intends to run sessions based on the following:

**Spring Term Session**: Teaching about Hinduism

**Summer Term Session**: Assessment, Moderation and Pupil Progress

If you are a community school interested in the excellent *Understanding* Christianity resource to support your RE curriculum, please email CoventryDBE@CovCofE.org at the DBE to enquire about UC Training in 2019-2020.

http://www.understandingchristianity.org.uk/







# Experience Pentecost Teacher CPD

Thursday 12th March 2020 at Coventry Cathedral 2-4pm

Canon Kathryn Fleming from Coventry Cathedral will lead you through how to set up and use a series of stations to allow your pupils to 'Experience Pentecost'. This is suitable for Primary teachers but could easily be adapted for use in Secondary schools.

This event will include a tour of the cathedral.

Cost £20 per delegate.

Book on to the event here:

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/experience-pentecost-tickets-84887299197



For more information about this and Coventry Cathedral's school tours, please contact the schools' team on 02476 521 257 or email: <a href="mailto:stella.timbrell@coventrycathedral.org.uk">stella.timbrell@coventrycathedral.org.uk</a>





#### Primary 'Peace and Reconciliation' Complimentary Units

Some brand new 'Peace and Reconciliation' units for Primary have been developed in conjunction with Coventry Cathedral and offer a chance for schools to bring a local flavour to their RE curriculum. The lessons can be incorporated into, or substituted for, lessons/activities in the existing Coventry and Warwickshire RE Syllabus unit of work, as the teacher sees fit, to bring a peace and reconciliation theme to your RE. Use as many units as you like to meet your school's needs.



These can be found on the Warwickshire SACRE website under Section 2 (SACRE Additional Units): <a href="https://i.warwickshire.gov.uk/content/sacre-education-resources/sacre-



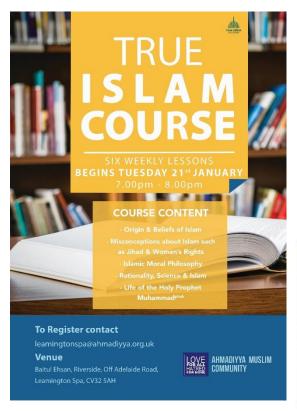
Coventry Cathedral are developing their own teaching resources and these can be found on their website here:

http://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/wpsite/teacher-resources/

Information about how to book Schools tours and workshops can be found here: <a href="http://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/wpsite/planning-your-visit/">http://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/wpsite/planning-your-visit/</a>

Or by emailing <a href="mailto:Stella.Timbrell@CoventryCathedral.org.uk">Stella.Timbrell@CoventryCathedral.org.uk</a>

## **Local CPD Opportunities in 2020**





AREIAC: Deep Dive or Shallow Swim: From Syllabus to Classroom Monday 6th to Tuesday 7th July, 2020 Windmill Village Hotel: Coventry



The 2020 conference will take place on 6th and 7th July 2020 at the Windmill Village Hotel, Coventry.

http://areiac.org.uk/public/cont2U/cont2U2U.html

## CENTRE FOR HOLOCAUST EDUCATION



## Course and event booking

## **Unpacking the Holocaust, Coventry**



## Friday 31 January 2020 Coventry

Our workshops update teachers' own knowledge and build confidence in teaching this complex and emotive subject. All our teacher training is free, thanks to funding from the Department for Education and Pears Foundation. You will leave with access to a wealth of effective and engaging classroom resources.

## Full day CPD 'Unpacking the Holocaust'

https://www.holocausteducation.org.uk/courses/2020/01/unpackingholocaust-coventry/

## **National RE Resources and Support**

#### **Primary RE 1000 Project with RE Today**

#### Giving primary schools access to high-quality RE resources

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 subsidised price. If you would like to find out if your school is eligible please email me: <a href="mailto:Jennifer.Jenkins@coventry.gov.uk">Jennifer.Jenkins@coventry.gov.uk</a> (Coventry schools) or <a href="mailto:jenniferjenkins@warwickshire.gov.uk">jenniferjenkins@warwickshire.gov.uk</a> (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: <a href="http://www.natre.org.uk/membership/primary-re-1000/">http://www.natre.org.uk/membership/primary-re-1000/</a>







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.

Each chat has a specific RE focus.

Just search for #REChatUK and join in the conversation using the hashtag for all your tweets.

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



#### **RE Comments in Ofsted Reports since September 2019**

NATRE have gathered together RE comments from Ofsted reports so far this academic year. You can find them here: <a href="http://www.natre.org.uk/news/latest-news/101-re-mentions-in-ofsted-primary-and-secondary-reports/">http://www.natre.org.uk/news/latest-news/101-re-mentions-in-ofsted-primary-and-secondary-reports/</a>

There are some examples of comments made where RE has been selected as a focus subject for the inspection. As you can see from this preview though, RE-related comments are being made even when RE is <u>NOT</u> picked as a subject for a 'Deep Dive'.



Phase	Overall effectiveness	What does the school do well and what does it need to do better?	What does the school need to do to improve?	Date
1. Primary	Good	Pupils in Year 5 spoke thoughtfully about how the mix of pupils with different ethnic backgrounds in the school enriches their religious education.		1–2 October 2019  Not a Deep Dive
2. Secondary	Requires Improvement	All pupils study religious education. This demonstrates the leaders' commitment to the school's values.  The teaching of religious education supports pupils' personal development well. Pupils learn about other faiths and the importance of tolerance and respect.	The curriculum provides pupils with three years to study GCSE courses. Consequently, the time available for younger pupils to study some subjects is limited.	1-2 October 2019 Not a RE Deep Dive
3. Primary	Good	Leaders and governors put pupils' welfare at the centre of everything they do. They set high standards for all pupils. Pupils learn about different cultures, traditions and religions. In assemblies and lessons, pupils learn about the importance of showing respect to everyone. This is underpinned by the school's values and ethos.		2-3 October Not a RE Deep Dive
4. Primary	Good	Pupils learn about other religions and cultures and understand the need for tolerance and kindness.		9-10 October  Not a RE Deep Dive
5. Primary	Good	Pupils learn history, geography, religious education and other foundation subjects through a combined		24-25 September Not a RE Deep Dive

If you missed our RE Curriculum session in October 2019, you can access all the resources here: <a href="https://i.warwickshire.gov.uk/content/sacre-education-resources/sacre-education-resources/sacre-education-resources">https://i.warwickshire.gov.uk/content/sacre-education-resources/sacre-education-resources</a>

#### Autumn Term 2019 - RE Curriculum

- Curriculum Takeaway Document
- · Literacies within Religious Education
- RE Curriculum October 2019
- · Tell Me 5 Revision in RE
- Thinking about RE Concepts
- <u>Using Dunlosky Learning Strategies for RE revision</u>
- <u>Using Rosenshine's Principles of Instruction in RE Lessons</u>

## **Farmington Scholarships**

#### Current application window closes on January 26th 2020.



The aim of the Farmington Institute is to support and encourage teachers of Religious Education in schools and Head teachers working on values and standards

e Institute awards Scholarships to UK based teachers of Religious Education and associated subjects and Head teachers, publishes papers and reports, and arranges conferences.

#### What type of Scholarships are available?

Scholarships are divided into two types: universitybased and school/home based. Teachers who live within a reasonable distance of one of the selected universities or colleges, may be awarded a university-based Scholarship.

University based Scholarships awarded may be taken in the form of day release up to 30 days, the Scholarships to be taken within university terms. The academic facilities of the universities/colleges are available for

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 for one day a week over a term or over the year, or for continuous periods up to a maximum of 30 days.

During the period of the Scholarship, there will be regular tutorials and at least one visit to the Farmington Institute.

Scholars are required to attend the Scholars' Conference before their Scholarship and the Conference after their Scholarship. Scholars who are still teaching RE will be invited to all subsequent conferences

The 2020 Conference will take place from 6pm on Friday 26th June, to 2.3opm on Sunday 28th June 2020. The 2021 Conference will take place from Friday 25th June to Sunday 27th June 2021.

#### **Applications**

Application forms can be obtained by emailing:

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

The closing date for applications for the academic year 2020 - 2021 is Sunday 26th January 2020.

Applicants may be asked to come for interview by the Selection Board. Interviews for Scholarships will take place in February - April 2020.

Our selected universities/colleges are:

Bath: Bath Spa University (Study of Religions Department) Belfast: Queen's University Belfast, St Mary's University
College and Stranmillis University College Cambridge: University of Cambridge, Faculty of Education/Homerton College

Durham: St Chad's College, University of Durham Exeter: University of Exeter (School of Education)
Glasgow: University of Strathclyde (Faculty of Education) Lampeter/Carmarthen: University of Wales Trinity Saint

Liverpool: Liverpool Hope University and Liverpool John

Moore University
Norwich: University of East Anglia

Warwick: University of Warwick (Religions and Education Research Unit)
York: York St John University

#### Who is eligible?

The Scholarships are for teachers of Religious Education in UK secondary schools, primary school RE Co-ordinators, or other primary school teachers involved in teaching RE and associated subjects, and teachers of children with Special Educational Needs who are involved with RE. Head teachers who wish to undertake research into either Religious Education or Values Education are also eligible to apply. Applicants should have held their present post for at least two years.

#### Enquiries

Further information about the Farmington Institute, its Scholarships and the work of previous Scholars is to be found on the Farmington website: www.farmington.ac.uk.

Other enquiries should be addressed to:

Administrator The Farmington Institute Harris Manchester College Mansfield Road OX13TD

Telephone: 01865 271985 Email: farmington@hmc.ox.ac.uk



#### Which subjects?

Scholars are free to study any aspect of Religious Education they wish, but preference will be given to applicants whose work can be seen to be of direct value to the teaching of RE in schools. Occasionally, the Institute, in conjunction with one of its partner universities or colleges, may advertise for an RF teacher to undertake research on a specific topic which is relevant to RE.

#### How much will it cost?

The Scholarship will cover the cost of tuition, essential local travel and, by negotiation with the school, the salary of a replacement teacher up to point 6 of the main pay

#### What is required of Scholars?

All Scholars are expected to produce an outline study plan of their project, which must be sent to the Farmington of their project, which must be sent to the Farmington Institute before the start of their Scholarship. Towards the end of the Scholarship, the Scholar will give a presentation on their work at the university/school and again at our 2021 conference. All Scholars are expected to produce a written report on the work they have undertaken, which must be sent to the Farmington Institute on completion of the Scholarship



#### **FARMINGTON SCHOLARSHIPS**

for Teachers and Head teachers of Religious Education and associated subjects

#### Academic Year 2020- 2021

Now open to Secondary and Primary School teachers, teachers of RE to children with Special Educational Needs, and Head teachers

http://www.farmington.ac.uk/

#### **Jerusalem Trust RE Grants**

#### The Jerusalem Trust's Small Grants to Schools Scheme

Resourcing the teaching of Christianity within Religious Education

**£600**available!



£31,560 Granted in the last 60 days!



#### Recently purchased items include:

- · Youth bibles and Good News bibles
- · Christianity artefacts
- · KS3 Christianity textbooks
- Teacher RE Planning: Christianity
- Animated Bible Stories DVD



#### http://www.regrants.org.uk/

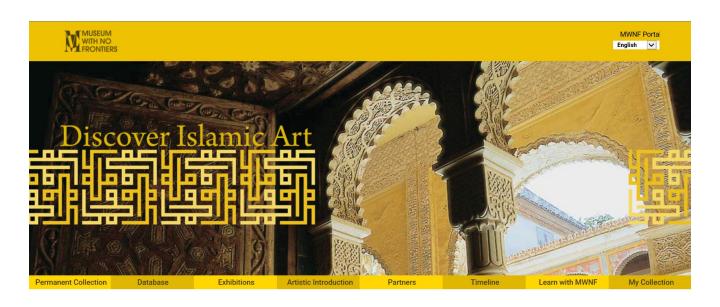
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https://www.bl.uk/sacred-texts



https://jewishmuseum.org.uk/collections/online-collections/jewish-britain-a-history-in-50-objects/



- ♣ Recommended Links
- → Credits
- → Mission Statement
- → Visit Explore Islamic Art Collections



Today's highlight from the Permanent Collection

Silk textile with geometric pattern Hegira 8th–9th / AD 14th–15th century, Nasrid Woven silk textile

http://islamicart.museumwnf.org/

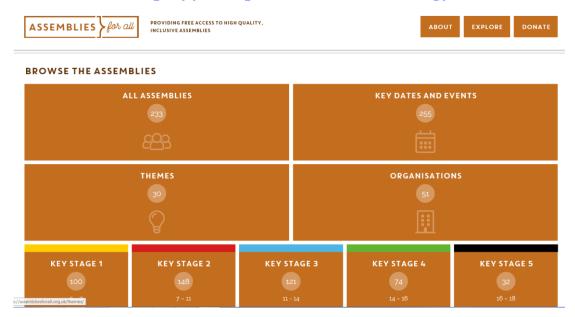


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### https://assembliesforall.org.uk/



https://www.theforgivenessproject.com/education-resources

#### **Summer Term RE Bulletin**



Next RE bulletin due out in April/May 2020. If you have anything you think would be useful to share with Coventry and Warwickshire RE teachers, please email me to let me

**know:** <u>Jennifer.Jenkins@coventry.gov.uk</u> (Coventry Schools)

jenniferjenkins@warwickshire.gov.uk (Warwickshire schools)

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We are always on the lookout for <u>model RE policies</u> and <u>model RE long term curriculum plans</u> to share as examples with schools. If you would like to share either of these with SACRE, please do get in touch.

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Both SACREs are looking for additional teacher representation. If you would be interested in joining your local SACRE (Standard Advisory Council for Religious Education) please email <a href="mailto:LUCY.LAMBERT@coventry.gov.uk"><u>LUCY.LAMBERT@coventry.gov.uk</u></a> (Coventry) or <a href="mailto:janebennett@warwickshire.gov.uk">janebennett@warwickshire.gov.uk</a> (Warwickshire) to register your interest.





#### Two upcoming SACRE surveys:

- Secondary School RE Exam Entries
- Coventry & Warwickshire Agreed Syllabus Review (2 years since launch)