



# RE Summer Bulletin

**COVENTRY SACRE**  
Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education



**Warwickshire SACRE**  
Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education



## Key Dates for RE Festivals Summer 2019

Religious Tradition/Worldview	Key Dates
<b>Baha'i</b>	24 May Declaration of the Bab 29 May The Ascension of Baha'u'llah 9 July Martyrdom of the Bab
<b>Buddhism</b>	18 May Vesakha Puja /Buddha Day 16 June Asalha Puja / Dhamma Day
<b>Christianity</b>	May 12-18 Christian Aid Week May 30 Ascension Day (CE) 6/9 June Ascension Day [RC] 9 June Pentecost /Whit Sunday 16 June Trinity Sunday 16 June Pentecost [Orthodox] 20/23 June Corpus Christi – Body & Blood of Christ [RC]
<b>Hinduism</b>	4 July Ratha Yatra
<b>Islam</b>	6 May - June 4 Ramadan 28 May [Shi'a] Lailat-ul-Qadr: Night of Power 31 May [Sunni] Lailat-ul-Qadr: Night of Power 5 June Eid-ul-Fitr Feast of Fast Breaking 10–14 August Hajj
<b>Jainism</b>	
<b>Judaism*</b>	2 May Yom Hashoah 9 May Yom Ha'atzma'ut 23 May Lag B'Omer 9/10 June Shavuot
<b>Sikhism</b>	16 June Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev
<b>Other</b>	21 June World Humanist 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 still working on 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, with the view to being a useful resource for schools when planning visits in 2019-20.

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### RE Subject Leader Twilight



**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019 4.30-6.00pm at North Leamington School**

The theme for this session will be 'RE and the Arts' and will focus on sharing RE learning opportunities linked with poetry, writing, art and drama. Louisa Brown, deputy Head Teacher from Knightlow CE Primary, will talk about her experiences of using the arts in RE. The session will largely be suitable for Primary and Special schools but ideas could be adapted for Secondary.

To book a place email: [sacre@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:sacre@warwickshire.gov.uk)

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# Coventry Cathedral Schools Offer



## COVENTRY CATHEDRAL EDUCATIONAL TOURS AND EXPERIENCES

**GENERAL-** A general tour of the both the old and new cathedral

**SIGNS AND SYMBOLS** Uncover the signs, symbols and hidden meanings in the cathedral.



**BLITZ IN COVENTRY-** Travel back in time to 1940 and explore our Blitz museum. Hear the story of the night of the blitz and how the people of Britain survived and coped to during WW2.

**CONFLICT, PEACE AND RECONCILIATION-** the Cathedral is international known for its reconciliation ministry and the controversial message that came out of the response to the bombing of the cathedral. Investigate how we use our past to strive for forgiveness instead of conflict.



**ART-** Study the Cathedrals Art and architecture, and experience how they enhanced the buildings atmosphere.

**PLACES OF WORSHIP-** Explore the space and how it is used as a place of worship. What makes the building a special/ holy place?



Stay for a whole day and enhanced your study further with a selection of workshops on your chosen topic.

For more information please contact the schools' team on 02476 521 257 or email [stella.timbrell@coventrycathedral.org.uk](mailto:stella.timbrell@coventrycathedral.org.uk)



**Slam Poetry Festival at  
Coventry Cathedral  
5th June  
with Guest Poet  
Harry Baker  
(as seen on TED talks)**

Slam poetry has been a growing in popularity around the globe as a way of bringing the spoken word back to the masses.

Bring your students to the cathedral and hear from the stylings of the youngest Slam poet Champion -Harry Baker, and have your students take part in a workshops to create their own slam poetry.

Spend the day from 9.30am till 2.30pm. Listening to performances and students creating their own pieces.

Cost to be confirmed.

For more information please contact the schools team on

Telephone: 02476 521 257

or email: [stella.timbrell@coventrycathedral.org.uk](mailto:stella.timbrell@coventrycathedral.org.uk)

## Diocesan Board of Education Offer

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.

### RE DEVELOPMENT MEETING

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

**1.30pm – 4.00pm**

Stratford on Avon area  
Free place for DSA subscribers



This term's session will be led by

**Jennifer Jenkins - Coventry and Warwickshire's  
RE Facilitator**

The main focus will be exploring **creative prayer** in schools and you will come away from the session with plenty of resources and ideas.



There will also be guidance on the **new SIAMS evaluation (Church School Inspections) and RE**, the usual **RE updates** and **sharing good practice**.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND SIAMS

#### RE and Church School Development Meetings

**Cost:** *free place for DSA subscribers*

**Venue:** *to be advised on booking*

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

*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 [Ruby.Tuesday@covcofe.org](mailto:Ruby.Tuesday@covcofe.org) or call 01788 422800



**Thanks to all those who completed our RE Surveys. Your time and contributions were very much appreciated.**

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## Opportunity for Trialling Exciting New Materials!



**Claire Clinton**

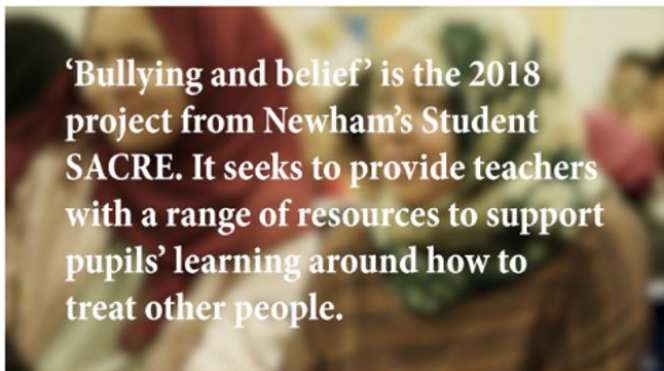
@ClaireClinton67

Religious Education adviser in Newham, East London.

[rematters.co.uk](http://rematters.co.uk)



**Bullying and belief project**  
**Could you trial some newly created resources?**



- Claire Clinton, the Newham RE advisor is looking for 10 schools in the West Midlands to trial a toolkit written for schools on the theme of anti-religious bullying;
- The trial would be for at least one lesson, but hopefully a few more from a newly created toolkit;

Claire received funding from Westhill Trust to write a toolkit around some films she has made with the local student SACRE this time last year in Newham. They made the films because some of the pupils got some abuse after the terrorist attacks in London around their religion. Claire plans to create online support material to use alongside the films, including an online poetry book and lesson plans to go with each of the films.

If you are interested in trialling these materials, please contact me for more information and I will send it to you as well as putting you in contact with Claire. Claire needs to know which schools are entering the trialling project by May 2019. Trialling will take place in June/July 2019. Email me for more details: [Jennifer.Jenkins@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:Jennifer.Jenkins@coventry.gov.uk) (Coventry Schools) or [jenniferjenkins@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:jenniferjenkins@warwickshire.gov.uk) (Warwickshire Schools)



# OUTSTANDING PRACTICE IN PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS

*Including British Values*

**Date:** Thursday 6th June 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:*

*Jennifer Jenkins (Coventry & Warwickshire SACRE) - Primary Phase*

*Alice Thomas (Head of Philosophy & Ethics - Southam College) - Secondary Phase*



In partnership with



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

**Email [STA@welearn365.com](mailto:STA@welearn365.com) or telephone 01926 812560 to book a place!**

VENUE : Southam College, Welsh Road West, Southam, Warwickshire. CV47 0JW

# twitter CHAT

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:

13 May	Teaching about Islam
03 June	Teaching about Buddhism
01 July	Assessing RE

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

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



## Outside the Classroom: RE Learning Opportunities



Resources online if you cannot make a visit. 'Loan Boxes' also available

**In the Classroom**  
Delve into our extensive video, audio, and object portal specially designed for students and teachers.

Home > Schools > In the Classroom

You can search our portal by keyword and narrow your results using the filters below.

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We're all friends here. Get answers to those nagging questions you've always had - you can get a private answer if you prefer.

Ask Us Your Question





# MANDELA

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A MULTIMEDIA EXPERIENCE INCLUDING PERSONAL ARTEFACTS FROM NELSON MANDELA'S LIFE AND WORK

**FROM 8 FEB 2019**  
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Exhibition in London 8<sup>th</sup> February – 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019  
 Education resources online at: <https://mandelaexhibition.com/educational-resources/>

Resources online if you cannot make a visit

HUMANITIES ROUTE	CREATIVE ROUTE	CROSS-CURRICULAR ENRICHMENT ROUTE
History, Geography, Citizenship, Sociology, Politics, Religious Education	English, Music, Drama, Visual Arts, Fashion, Media Studies	Social, Moral, Cultural and Spiritual (SMSC) learning, PSHE, Citizenship, a focus on values to transform the school, supporting EPQs or a special project.

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<http://www.islamicexhibition.org//>

## RE Competitions

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### 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/>

# 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](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 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019**

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## ANNUAL POETRY COMPETITION 2019



Deadline 14<sup>th</sup> June

Age 7 years and over

3 categories:

7-11 year olds  
12-17 year olds  
18 years and over.

Do you love chocolate and poetry? Enter our competition for the chance to win!

<http://www.divinechocolate.com/uk/good-stuff/competitions/2017/9/annual-poetry-competition-2019>

## 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](mailto:admin@reqm.org) to find out more.
- ★ The cost of REQM is £475 for each school.

[www.reqm.org](http://www.reqm.org)

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## Useful RE Resources



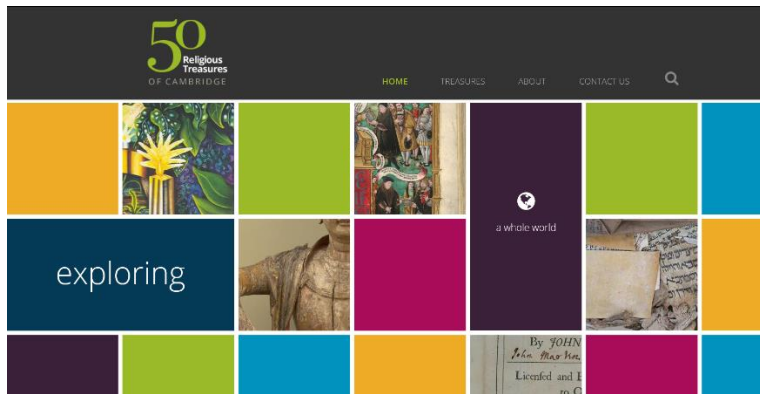
**A new RE app!**

<https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/re-definitions/id1333493297?mt=8>

RE-Definitions allows RE teachers to search for the pronunciation and meaning of more than 200 key terms. It's for non-specialists who want to understand the words and how to pronounce them with confidence, and for specialists who want to brush up on their knowledge. In both audio and text, RE-Definitions provides accurate, clear, resource-linked definitions of key terms in seven religions and beliefs, in ethics and philosophy and in the study of religions and beliefs.

## 50 Religious Treasures of Cambridge

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

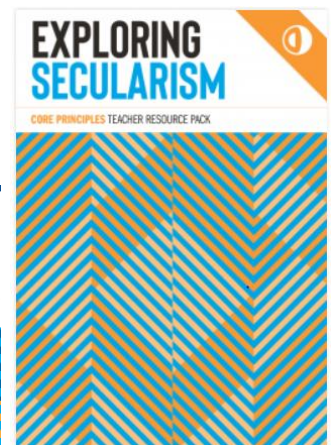
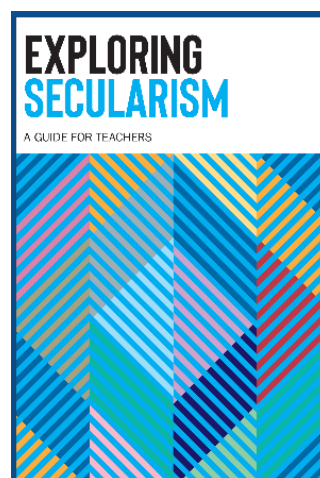


This site aims to bring insight to some of the many religious **treasures** that can be found in **Cambridge**. By introducing the artefacts, we hope to show that religion isn't just a single subject based on faith, but an opportunity to discover the many reaches, from **art and history** to **music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



<https://thevcs.org/>

The Visual Commentary on Scripture gathers a company of artists with whom to encounter the Bible



<https://exploringsecularism.org/>

# Subject Knowledge

Future Learn have several RE-related courses on offer at the moment. Just sign up for a free account:



ONLINE COURSE


## Radical Spirituality: the Early History of the Quakers

Learn about the beginnings of this radical religious group as it emerged in 17th century England, with this free online course.



Join course for free

Overview Topics Start dates Requirements Educators



DURATION 3 weeks

WEEKLY STUDY 3 hours

LEARN Free

EXTRA BENEFITS From £32 [Find out more](#)

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/quakers>

ONLINE COURSE

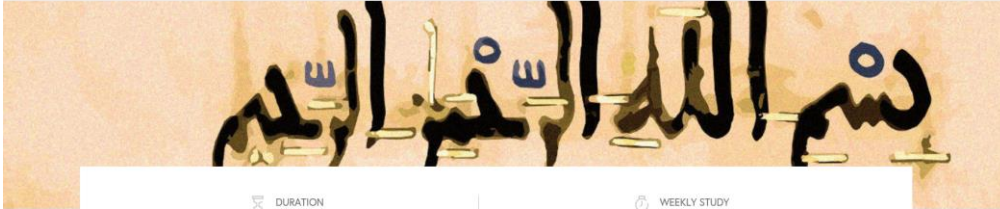
## The Qur'an Between Judaism and Christianity

Get an introduction to the history of the Qur'an, and its relationship with Judaism and Christianity.



Email me when I can join

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DURATION 4 weeks

WEEKLY STUDY 3 hours

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/quran-judaism-and-christianity>

ONLINE COURSE


## Introducing Humanism: Non-religious Approaches to Life

Learn about humanism - a non-religious, ethical worldview shared by millions across the world.



Join course for free

Overview Topics Start dates Requirements



DURATION 6 weeks

WEEKLY STUDY 3 hours

LEARN Free

EXTRA BENEFITS From £52 [Find out more](#)

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/introducing-humanism>



On 9 July Humanists UK will be running another [free conference](#) for primary and secondary RE teachers!

The conference will offer a series of stimulating seminars and workshops, designed to enhance your subject knowledge of humanism and the non-religious and support you with practical ideas for teaching about them in the classroom.

**Speakers include:**

- Professor Richard Norman, Emeritus Professor of Moral Philosophy, University of Kent, and author of *On Humanism*
  - Angela Hill, National RE Adviser for RE Today Services
  - Lisa O'Connor, Head of RS at King Edward VI College, NATRE Exec
- Professor Michael Hand, Professor of Philosophy of Education, University of Birmingham
  - Jason Buckley, *The Philosophy Man*
- Luke Donnellan, Director of Understanding Humanism, Humanists UK

... and more to be announced.

**Date:** Tuesday 9 July 2019

**Time:** 10.00 - 16.30 (registration from 09:30)

**Location:** Conway Hall, 25 Red Lion Square, London, WC1R 4RL

**To book your place at the conference, please click [here](#).**

We are delighted to be able to offer this **CPD opportunity** for **free**. We therefore request that you only register if you are sure you will be able to attend the conference, or later cancel by emailing us if you realise that you are no longer able to attend. That way we can ensure that we are able to ensure places for as many teachers as possible. As a registered charity, we are only able to provide free education resources and teaching support through the generous donations of our members and supporters. If you or your school would like to make a donation to support our education work, you will be able to do so when you register.

If you are not able to attend the conference but are still looking for support with teaching about humanism, then visit [Understanding Humanism](#) for free resources, where you can also book a visit from one of our free trained [school speakers](#). Finally, please note that 21 June is [World Humanist Day](#), a great day to offer an assembly about humanism.

**If you aren't sure about any of the subject knowledge aspects of your RE teaching you could always try using this service from RE: Online**

**RE:ONLINE**  
THE PLACE FOR EXCELLENCE

<http://pof.reonline.org.uk/>

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- Baha'i
- Buddhism
- Christianity
- Hinduism
- Humanism
- Islam
- Judaism
- Latter-day Saints
- Paganism
- Sikhism

**Email a Believer**

Here you can email your questions to any or all of our team and ask them about their beliefs and how these affect the way they live. Simply click on the email address of the person you'd like to contact, introduce yourself with a few words about who you are and why you are writing, ask your question, and they'll get back to you as soon as they can.

**Baha'i – Debbie Tibbey**

I came across the Bahá'í Faith when I was 18 years old and, drawn by its very clear teachings on equality, unity and peace, have been a Bahá'í ever since. After an almost 30-year career in primary education, I am now a tutor and learning mentor for young people with extra needs on a care farm in rural Dorset.  
[Debbie@pof.org.uk](mailto:Debbie@pof.org.uk)

**Buddhism – Jo Backus**

I am a British Buddhist belonging to the Gelug branch of Tibetan Buddhism. By profession I am a teacher who has taught RE in secondary schools.

## RE and the Arts

**The following are companies that can offer productions and workshops linked to the RE syllabus:**

### RE Enquiry

#### Why do Christians communicate the Gospel through the Arts?

Wintershall's RE Enquiry Unit supports specific KS1 and KS2 Core learning outcomes within Understanding Christianity (UC). It serves as an additional unit to extend learning and is structured around the core elements: Making sense of the text, Understanding the impact and Making connections. It is designed to be used flexibly either as a whole unit of work or as a series of themed learning activities as an option for 'Digging Deeper' within the UC Gospel units.

It is the intention of this unit to focus on what beliefs motivate Christians to use different art forms to communicate the Gospel. The unit uses a selection of exciting resources from the Wintershall productions, including behind the scenes images, interviews and film clips.

There are also opportunities within this unit to:

- investigate examples of a range of contemporary Christian art forms with reference to their historical precedents that seek to communicate the Gospel (for example Wintershall's outdoor Biblical productions such as 'The Life of Christ')
- to reflect on the impact of these art forms used by Christians and non-believers.

Search this website ...



Ring the office to book your group tickets now 01483 892 167

<https://www.wintershall-education.com/member/re-enquiry-unit-2/>

# 4 front theatre

<https://www.4front-theatre.com/productions.html>

[info@4front-theatre.com](mailto:info@4front-theatre.com)

May-August 2019



### Fisherman's Tail Schools

For the fisherman who sail on her, the sea of Galilee provides plenty of fish and plenty of stories. Local fishermen Simon, Andrew, James & John have got a tale to beat them all, it involves a fishing competition, wherein a strange man appears and blow everyone's efforts out of the water. With a host of hearty songs and interactive story-telling, Fisherman's Tail is a show not to be missed.



### Fisherman's Tail

Featuring a cast of 5 talented actor-musicians, Fisherman's Tail is a hearty all-age musical, about four humble fishermen whose everyday lives are blown out of the water when they are caught up in the whirlwind of Jesus' life and miracles. With lots of catchy original tunes, this new take on the life and miracles of Jesus will guarantee to put the wind in your sails. Catch it while you can!

## 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](mailto:jennifer.jenkins@coventry.gov.uk) (Coventry area)

[jenniferjenkins@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:jenniferjenkins@warwickshire.gov.uk) (Warwickshire area)

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## 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](mailto:emma.griffiths@coventrycathedral.org.uk)

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Next RE bulletin due out September 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](mailto:Jennifer.Jenkins@coventry.gov.uk) (Coventry Schools)  
[jenniferjenkins@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:jenniferjenkins@warwickshire.gov.uk) (Warwickshire schools)

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### Autumn RE Subject Leader Twilight

Next RE Subject Leader Twilight will be **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 4.30-6.00pm** at **Pound Lane Learning Centre, Leamington Spa.**

Pound Lane Learning Centre, Warwick CV32 7RT

**Meeting focus TBC**

To book a place email: [sacre@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:sacre@warwickshire.gov.uk)