



Summer Term 2020 Extra Edition

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to this **EXTRA** edition of the RE Newsletter for this academic year. These continue to be unusually demanding times for us all, particularly as you are perhaps now beginning to prepare for the possible return to the classroom of at least some of your pupils. It is vital that we keep in touch, so here are some further resources available to support us in our work as Subject Leaders for RE. SACRE is still here to offer you help, advice and support with RE (or Collective Worship) in your school.

You may be:

- developing activities for a return to classroom teaching
- preparing online teaching and learning
- reviewing and revising RE documentation such as schemes of learning and policy statements
- organising existing resources and/or selecting new ones
- developing your own subject knowledge.

The bulk of this newsletter has been sent from NASACRE but as a representative of your local SACRE I would be delighted to hear from you. Do not hesitate to contact me on david@reesuk.onmicrosoft.com if you would like to contact me

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Pan Berkshire Hub News

The 'Real People Real faith project' is progressing well with four filmed interviews being completed, these are now being edited and will hopefully be made available soon. Further filming will be done once the situation changes.

RE Online Teaching Resources



<https://www.reonline.org.uk/>

RE Online is a free, quality-controlled website which always aims to produce **free** resources, blogs and information concerning the latest developments in RE. Since the lockdown RE Online has produced extra newsletters, highlighted new resources and engaged with classroom teachers through the '**How I...**' blogs

<https://www.reonline.org.uk/supporting-re/> for the extra lockdown materials

<https://www.reonline.org.uk/how-i/> ... The 'How I' blogs

we are always looking to hear from teachers – please visit and engage with us.



SOLARITY aims to help children and young people THINK about and EXPLORE a variety of life's questions in ways that go beyond the usual school curriculum. There are different sessions for 5-7, 7-11 and 11-16-year olds, all designed to encourage them to develop their own ideas, values and identities.

These materials have been written by RE advisers and teachers with home education and out-of-school-hours learning in mind. See this link for full access: www.solarity.org.uk



TrueTube Ramadan and Eid Resources!

Muslims across the world have been fasting for their faith and some people might not know why. Here's the first of five Ramadan films to explain it: <https://t.co/PCYifpuO0p>

This includes a lesson plan too!

<https://www.truetube.co.uk/film/great-british-ramadan>

Don't forget that **TrueTube** also includes a wealth of other really excellent resources on a wide range of subjects.



Sikh Vision!

Visit this website to download free activities for use with pupils. In addition, there is a lot of useful material that will help you and your colleagues to develop your subject knowledge of this major world faith. See this link for more information: www.Sikh-Vision.com

Have you been asked to revitalise provision for RE in your school? If so, you might find these links are useful to you and your colleagues!

- A webinar has been recorded to introduce this year's popular **Spirited Arts** competition and it is now on YouTube. It is fifty minutes long. Children and young people can watch it themselves, or teachers can view it too. The competition is long established and focuses on developing creative responses to a variety of different RE themes. The film covers the five themes which are the focus for this year and also includes many inspiring examples. While the quality of the film is not quite as professional as might be hoped, it is nevertheless wonderful to have this opportunity to find out more about the competition!

See: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=HHyx3XgGfhw>

- The RE Council is delighted to announce the publication of the new criteria for the **RE Quality Mark** – they can be found at www.religiouseducationcouncil.org.uk/new-reqm-criteria

The **REQM** is a well-established scheme that celebrates great RE in schools across England and Wales, and it is still being offered online while schools are closed. The new criteria come into effect on 1st September 2020, but schools will have a choice about using the current criteria still available on the **REQM** website www.reqm.org or the new ones, until January 2021.

- **The Culham St Gabriel's Trust** has published new study sets to support RE teachers in continuing to provide high quality RE for pupils to complete at home.

For example, see Islamic practices and morals - working towards a balanced view. This is a particularly good resource for Year 10 GCSE students: <https://t.co/MGqdAAvEOp>

- Many great teaching ideas are being shared via **#REChatUK**. There are also lots of resources for you and your pupils at: <https://t.co/3o9oHmkNJ2>. On the **Save RE Facebook** page, you can see also many of the websites shared in the RE community via Google Drive at: <https://t.co/AqyVRizsxl>

Additional Items of Interest

In response to the call for resources to support families and young people during this time, a brand new wellbeing story called '**I Want To Change The World**' has been created. It is aimed at primary aged children and designed for families to watch together.

See: <https://openvieweducation.co.uk/homeschooling-wellbeing-story/>

And... There are lots of cross-curricular links via this website site to support home based learning.

See: <https://www.london.gov.uk/coronavirus/london-learning-at-home>

Jewish Thoughts Online

This is a link to short talks on Jewish wisdom, appearing weekly on Friday at 1pm (30 mins)

<https://limmud.org/event/jw3-limmud-present-it-says-what/all/>