

# Barnet SACRE Newsletter Autumn Term 2015

## **Parliamentary Briefing Paper**

*Religious Education in Schools (England)* by Robert Long Parliamentary Briefing Paper 07167 10 November 2015. This is an excellent publication, and Janet Robinson will have emailed you all a copy of the full document. It covers many of the areas of SACRE's statutory responsibilities & so is a valuable up to date reference work.

## **A New Settlement: Religion and Belief in Schools**

In June 2015 Charles Clarke and Linda Woodhead published '*A New Settlement: Religion and Belief in Schools*'. Their proposals have been widely recognised as adding to the important debate on the law as it relates to RE.

The NASACRE briefing paper has been distributed to all SACRE members, and the full document can be accessed on the NASACRE website. There will be an opportunity to discuss the document at the next SACRE meeting on the 1 December 2015.

The RE Council wanted to respond to Clarke & Woodhead's work & they have gathered together views from all the member organisations. Clarke & Woodhead's pamphlet contained 18 policy recommendations. One recommendation related to collective worship, eleven recommendations related to the curriculum for religious education, and six recommendations related to faith schools.

The RE Council consulted authorised representatives of its member organisations for their views of only the eleven recommendations relating to the curriculum for religious education, they did not consulting on Clarke & Woodhead's recommendations regarding collective worship or faith schools as the RE Council was not looking to form a policy position in these areas at this point in time. All authorised representatives of RE Council member organisations were invited to complete a survey & the results were discussed at the REC meeting on the 4 November 2015 as soon as they are published I will circulate them to SACRE members.

## **New GCSE proposals**

In the last few months the proposals have been discussed it has been a complex undertaking. The timescale for implementation is getting quite tight as the new syllabi will need to be taught from September 2016 for the first examination to be sat in 2018.

The restoration of bursaries for trainee teachers of RE was a positive results after much pressure.

## **Joint NASACRE/AREIAC conference**

*19 November 10.25am to 3.40pm in Birmingham*

Venue: **Ibis Hotel** (New Street), 21 Ladywell Walk, Arcadian Centre, Birmingham B5 4ST

It will look at approaches to curriculum design random bricks or building a structure? Speakers include Dilwyn Hunt, Paul Smalley, Derek Holloway & Pat Hannam. The application form is on the NASACRE web page.

## **TrueTube**

The TrueTube website has videos, lesson plans for RE (as well as Assemblies, PHSE and Citizenship) & from Spring 2016 there will be a series of films to support RE in EYFS and KS1. Do keep checking their website for further news as well as films suitable for KS2  
[www.truetube.co.uk](http://www.truetube.co.uk)

## **Event: What should young people leave school knowing about religion and belief?**

**When: 5pm to 6.30pm, Thursday 26 November**

**Where: Grey Coat Hospital School, St Andrew's Building, SW1P 2DY.**

This free, public event will launch the report of the research study, and is central to a national conversation about the future of learning about religion and belief which is now underway. Findings will be discussed by eminent sociologist of religion, Professor Grace Davie, Chair of NATRE, Daniel Hugill, and Director of Culham St Gabriel's, Mark Chater. Places for this event are limited, so please register with Tim Stacey ([t.stacey@gold.ac.uk](mailto:t.stacey@gold.ac.uk)).

## **NATRE conference**

Strictly RE – 2nd Annual NATRE conference is **Saturday 30 January 2016**. Booking on the NATRE webpage.

## **Farmington Scholarships for Teachers of Religious Education and Head teachers Academic Year 2016/2017**

Offer wonderful opportunities for RE teachers & head teachers to study more information can be obtain from their wesite: <http://www.farmington.ac.uk/>

The Farmington Institute, Harris Manchester College Oxford OX1 3TD

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## **Summer RE Coordinators Meeting**

At the summer RE coordinators meeting we had a representative from the Global Learning Programme (GLP) this is a short précis of their work.

The GLP is building a national network of like-minded schools committed to equipping their students to make a positive contribution to a globalised world. The GLP helps teachers in Primary, Secondary and Special schools to deliver effective teaching and learning about development and global issues at Key Stages 2 and 3. RE is one of the key curriculum areas it covers.

### *Why take part?*

Schools participating in the GLP will experience the exciting impact that knowledge and understanding of global learning can bring to pupils' learning across the curriculum. The GLP will also help schools develop an ethos promoting tolerance, fairness and respect. Teachers involved in the GLP will work with colleagues in local schools to drive forward global learning across the curriculum, share best practice and engage in funded CPD opportunities.

### *How does it work?*

Join a local Expert Centre as a partner school and attend half termly twilights for 4 terms. In addition, receive £500 e-credits to spend on CPD for your school. There will be an Expert Centre in Barnet in September 2015.

To find out more visit [www.glp-e.org.uk](http://www.glp-e.org.uk) and register your school. Could your school be an Expert Centre? Complete the whole school audit as a first step and let us know at [glp@pearson.com](mailto:glp@pearson.com) <http://globaldimension.org.uk/glp/page/10722>

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### **Teaching Judaism Conference**

**Teaching Judaism is a Conference for Teachers of the new GCSE Religious Studies Judaism (second religion). First examination 2018**

- Full Day conference on Monday February 22, 2016 at 10am
- Central London venue
- Keynote speaker is Lord Winston of Hammersmith
- Presentations will be given by chief examiners of the main exam boards
- Workshops will be led by leading educators on different areas of the new syllabus
- Lunch and refreshments are included
- There will be an exhibition of Jewish life in the 21<sup>st</sup> century
- Visit the market place for information and resources
- Access to teaching materials appropriate to the course
- We can offer inset training and support nationally for CPD
- Discounted hotel rates available

### *FEES*

Early bird booking before December 1	£150
Standard booking	£200

*For booking information please contact*

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**All good wishes**

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