

SUFFOLK SACRE ANNUAL REPORT 2012-2013

Locally agreed syllabus

The Suffolk Locally Agreed Syllabus for RE was reviewed in 2012 and is available through www.suffolklearning.co.uk Hard copies of the syllabus were made available for those attending the Suffolk RE Conference and Autumn networks.

Support for implementing the locally agreed syllabus

Materials to support the implementation of the agreed syllabus have been prepared, including an enquiry framework to support curriculum planning.

There are termly network meetings run in north, south and west Suffolk to share resources and materials for the agreed syllabus.

Key practitioners are funded for projects to develop curriculum units to support the agreed syllabus. This is on going and will be made available at the Suffolk RE Conference in 2014.

Suffolk SACRE supported the 'Gandhi, King Ikeda' exhibition at Suffolk New College through releasing teachers to prepare classroom resources to develop the themes of the exhibition. They were supported in this by SACRE member Janus van Helvert.

SACRE was also grateful to receive funding from the Suffolk Environment Strategy team to work with teachers on materials to support Environmental Sustainability. These are available on the Suffolk Learning website.

Suffolk SACRE was successful in its bid to NASACRE to develop materials for faith artefact boxes. This became a research project with pupils in primary schools investigating the significance of the artefacts, moderated by students in a secondary school and made available to schools across the county.

The annual Suffolk RE Conference is the principal event for promoting the principles and expectations for the RE syllabus. These messages are then consolidated through the termly network meetings.

Standards in RE

2013

A Level: 182 students were entered: 55% achieved A*-B

A/S Level: 53 students were entered: 34% achieved A-B

GCSE Full course: 1877 were entered: 64% achieved A*-C

GCSE Short course: 2621 were entered: 52% achieved A*-C

GCSE entries have fallen slightly since 2012, full course results the same as 2012 and an improvement from 45% for short course.

RE Quality Mark

Suffolk schools have been part of the pilot for the RE Quality Mark and the following have achieved the award:

Chilton Primary School
St Alban's High School
Felixstowe Academy
Thomas Wolsey Special School
St Felix Primary School
St Edmundsbury Primary School

A number of other schools are being supported to apply for the award.

Collective Worship

No determinations received. Schools reminded of the importance of collective worship and directed to resources prepared by the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

Links with other agencies

Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich
Suffolk Interfaith Resource
University College Suffolk
University of East Anglia

MEMBERSHIP OF THE SUFFOLK STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Committee A

Christian denominations and other religions and their religious denominations reflecting the principal religious traditions of the area

Prabjot Kaur	Sikh
Dr Andrew Marfleet	Baptist
Elahe Mojdehi	Muslim
Sue Aldous	Roman Catholic
Ian Prettyman	Methodist
Elizabeth Sugarman	Jewish (CHAIR)
Denis Johnston	Humanist
Janus van Helvert	Buddhist
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Alison Pentreath The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Committee B

Church of England

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Committee C

Teachers

Steph Crossley St Albans Catholic High School, Ipswich

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Committee D

Local Education Authority

Joanna Spicer County Councillor, Conservative

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Servicing Officers

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