

ANNUAL REPORT 2013

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

NOVEMBER 2011 - MARCH 2013

With an increasing number of schools moving to academy status in Bournemouth, and therefore moving away from local authority control and the requirement to follow the locally agreed RE syllabus, our SACRE needs clearly to promote itself, and to re-articulate its role in emphasising the continuing relevance of RE as a curriculum subject. If academies - and indeed all schools - are to share in the merits of the new agreed syllabus, then we must demonstrate how and why RE, and the syllabus, "Enquire Within", are important in offering significant additional learning opportunities, and in equipping students for living in a plural society.

We also have to respond to the recent decision of the DfE not to include RE as one of the humanities subjects of the English Baccalaureate. That this "downgrade" might result in secondary schools not filling specialist teacher vacancies, or reducing curriculum time for RE, are not outcomes that we would wish to see. The "preferential statutory status" of RE is not a guarantee that all is well.

So - how is our SACRE responding to the new challenges in Education? Our Action Plan is an agenda item at each of our meetings (10.11.2011; 06.02.2012; 27.06.2012; 08.11.2012 & 27.03.2013) with progress towards meeting the identified targets discussed and minuted.

From the Action Plan, I would highlight the following.

1. Our agreed syllabus "Enquire Within", adopted in November 2011, has been generally well received as a teaching tool. It seeks to challenge students and teachers with stimulating learning experiences through an enquiry based approach. It aims to encourage students to think deeply about their own identity and worth, what it means to be human, and to enable them to challenge prejudice, discrimination and racism.
2. The provision we make for continuing professional development - seen for example in our Annual Conferences (on 6th. March 2012 on the new syllabus, and on 25th. February 2013 on "Better Learning in RE: Curiosity, Enquiry, Creativity").
3. Our promotion of events "special" to various religions, and with themes - e.g. Holocaust Memorial Day - with its emphasis on "Communities Together - Building a Bridge".
4. Our application for NASACRE funding for Westhill Foundation Awards. We successfully bid in 2012 for two projects - the first for 350 Year 6 pupils to visit places of worship in Southampton, the second for Year 9 pupils, including academies and special schools, to study the commonalities of faiths in respecting and preserving the environment, and considering the place of "God" in that study. Four schools have positively expressed an interest in the first project, and we will encourage further participation in this and the

second project. We will put in a further bid for a Westhill award for appropriate projects in 2013/2014.

5. We have discussed and agreed with the Council a specific budget for 2013/2014 (a “spend plan” of £4000) to enable us to carry out our duties and responsibilities. This sum is in addition to the funding of Rubina Nasser for half a day a week for her RE/SACRE work.
6. We have distributed to RE teachers in a number of schools memory sticks holding a wide range of resources, including the new syllabus. We also have distributed to various schools, and also stored at St. Peter’s Church, RE resources that used to be housed at the Learning and Support Centre in Ensbury Park.
7. We appreciate the importance of a website dedicated to SACRE news and information, easily accessible to teachers and students, and we are discussing the form of the website with the Council’s Information Officer.
8. We shall again consider the desirability of conducting a survey of schools (using schools’ prospectuses and websites, and self-evaluation) to ascertain how much time is allocated to RE. This survey should include the quality of provision of Collective Worship.

All in all, we have a busy year ahead of us, and we face it with confidence.

My grateful thanks to all those on the four committees who attended our meetings and worked so hard to achieve the above results - particularly those who organised events, and Rubina and Margaret for their excellent support throughout the year!

Stephen Chappell, Chair of SACRE.



Membership of Bournemouth SACRE 2011 - 2013

Over this time SACRE has lost the following representatives: Inderjit Dhillon, Sister Tama, Bharati Joshi, Phil Mayer and Cllr Nicola Greene. We thank them all for the valuable time they gave to representing their various committees.

Meanwhile SACRE has gained Abid and Mohsina Khan (representing BICCM), Lucky Ganatra (representing the Hindu faith), Geoff Jones (Humanist), Cllr Alistair Russell and Rev Ian Terry (Diocese of Winchester) who are all very welcome to join us.

Budget for Bournemouth SACRE

A meeting was held between Kay Errington, Interim Service Director of Children & Young People’s Services, Rubina Nasser (LA officer for SACRE) and two SACRE members (Lynda Ford-Horne & Cllr Coope) on 11 December 2012. It was agreed that £4k for SACRE expenditure be allocated for this year and £5k expenditure for the following year, subject to a costed spend plan informed by consultation with schools.

Holocaust Memorial Day 2013

This annual commemorative event took place on 28th January this year at the De La Salle Theatre at St Peter's School, Southbourne. Secondary schools were invited to bring along some pupils to hear Janine Weber and Walter Kammerling speak about their experiences of surviving this terrible time - two different stories but equally interesting.



Artefacts for a Passover meal workshop held at St Michael's CE VC Primary School

Images courtesy of Lynda Ford-Horne



Pupils taking part in a Shabbat workshop at St Walburga's RC Primary School.

Bournemouth RE Conference 2012

The annual RE conference 2012 was entitled 'Embedding Effective Delivery of the New Agreed RE Syllabus' and took place on Tuesday 6th March at the Bournemouth Learning Centre. The day commenced with an introduction from Rabbi Neil Amswych on the 'Big Green Believer's Agreement' and continued with Jan Lever's presentation on working with the new syllabus. In the afternoon there was a choice of 2 workshops focusing on the teaching and delivery of Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, Sikhism and Hinduism.

Bournemouth RE Conference 2013

As the time covered by this report extends to 18 months, there was a second annual RE Conference held on 25 February 2013. It was entitled 'Better Learning in RE: Curiosity, Enquiry & Creativity' and featured Lat Blaylock of RE Today as the keynote speaker. Afterwards there was much positive feedback, including the comments 'The best RE Conference ever' and 'a wealth of inspirational ideas....thought provoking, practical'.

Interfaith Meeting held on Tuesday 13th November 2012

This event was hosted by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association, Bournemouth Branch, and took place at St Peter's Church, Hinton Road. The theme was the religious scriptures which exist in all major religions. Speakers from several major faiths contributed and all SACRE members and interested RE teachers from Bournemouth schools were invited. There was an exhibition of Holy Quran translations in various languages, and a finger buffet of Indian food was provided. It proved an interesting and informative evening.

Trips to places of worship in Southampton

In 2012 Bournemouth SACRE were successful in applying for a grant (the Westhill awards) to fund school trips to three places of worship in Southampton. On this occasion 8 schools took part - the children visited the Medina Mosque, the Vedic Society Hindu Temple and the Singh Saba Gurdwara, eating a vegetarian lunch in the langar (canteen) at the gurdwara afterwards. There was some the very positive feedback....



The adults and children....really enjoyed the day out today, and we certainly learnt lots! It was a valuable experience.

The educational trip allowed us to see a Hindu Temple, a Sikh Gurdwara and a Muslim Mosque. It was something we had not done before so we learnt a lot.

(Heathlands Primary School)



Even though we were not Sikhs, we were invited to have a free lunch of chapatti and dhal. It was delicious!

Upstairs in the prayer room it was very beautiful...lit up with many colours....also I learnt about the holy book and that is called 'Guru Granth Sahib'. (St James Primary School)



We were made to feel very welcome throughout our visit and our hosts were more than willing to share their knowledge at a level that the children could understand.

My class speak about the day with great enthusiasm. (Elmrise Primary Academy)



Taizé

Bournemouth SACRE was privileged to receive a visit on 27th September 2012 from Brother Paolo of the Taizé Community in France. A number of SACRE members plus various interested RE co-ordinators from Bournemouth schools watched a presentation and talked with Brother Paolo afterwards. This was an interesting and worthwhile event - anyone wanting further information about the community and its work with young people can visit

<http://www.vimeo.com/taize/schools>

South East Local SACREs Network

Since last year Bournemouth SACRE has established links with South East SACREs through the network meetings held at The Castle, Winchester. SACREs from Hampshire, Southampton, Portsmouth, Isle of Wight, Dorset, West Sussex, Surrey and Bournemouth have been represented at this network. Cllr Chappell, Lynda Ford-Horne and Rubina Nasser have attended the networks on behalf of Bournemouth. The network has been a useful forum to air concerns and share good practice in the teaching and learning of RE in schools. We hope that in future there will be opportunities for shared work with these SACREs. Also it may be possible to raise the profile of RE and SACRE through such forums.



Examination results for the academic year 2011 - 2012

Subject : Religious Studies ; Exam : GCSE Full Course

Centre	NOR	NOE	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	Q	U	X	A*-C	A*-G	QCA Av Pts
Avonbourne	217	31	16.1	45.2	32.3	6.5								100.0	100.0	50.3
Bournemouth School (Boys)	142	142	21.1	40.8	25.4	7.7	2.8	0.7	1.4					95.1	100.0	49.7
Bournemouth School for Girls	154	154	44.8	36.4	13.6	4.5	0.6							99.4	100.0	53.2
Oakmead College of Technology	210	129	0.8	6.2	13.2	18.6	20.9	18.6	14.7	3.9		3.1		38.8	96.9	33.4
St. Peter's RC Comprehensive	241	214	7.9	28.5	27.6	19.6	6.1	4.2	3.3	1.9		0.9		83.6	99.1	44.2
The Bourne Academy	107	24	16.7	54.2	25.0		4.2							95.8	100.0	50.8
Winton Arts and Media College	170	103		8.7	18.4	16.5	18.4	12.6	13.6	5.8		5.8		43.7	94.2	33.4
		797	15.8	27.5	21.1	12.9	8.2	5.9	5.3	1.9		1.5		77.3	98.5	44.2

Subject : Religious Studies ; Exam : GCSE Short Course

Centre	NOR	NOE	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	Q	U	X	A*-C	A*-G	QCA Av Pts
(PACS) Ensbury Centre (closed see 8377021)	18	1						100.0							100.0	14.0
Avonbourne	217	171	2.3	11.7	16.4	18.1	25.1	12.3	5.8	4.1		4.1	[5]	48.5	95.9	18.1
Glenmoor	148	123	5.7	24.4	40.7	16.3	9.8	1.6	1.6				[9]	87.0	100.0	22.7
Oakmead College of Technology	210	2						50.0	50.0						100.0	12.5
St. Peter's RC Comprehensive	241	9			11.1	33.3	11.1	11.1	11.1	22.2			[1]	44.4	100.0	15.7
The Bishop of Winchester Academy	116	95	1.1		3.2	6.3	14.7	13.7	14.7	20.0		26.3	[7]	10.5	73.7	9.9
The Bourne Academy	107	67			6.0	10.4	17.9	20.9	16.4	22.4		6.0	[2]	16.4	94.0	13.0
Winton Arts and Media College	170	1			100.0									100.0	100.0	23.0
		469	2.6	10.7	18.6	14.3	17.5	11.3	8.3	9.2		7.7	[24]	46.1	92.3	16.8

Grade percentages are based on the number of entries (NOE).

[] denotes actual figures due to a divisor of zero or Grade X entries

< denotes data which is protected due to a small cohort size. Protected values are not included in total.

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Subject : Religious Studies ; Exam : GCE A level

Centre	NOE	A*	A	B	C	D	E	N	Q	U	X	A*-A	A*-B	A*-E	QCA Av Pts
Bournemouth School (Boys)	8			62.5	12.5	25.0							62.5	100.0	221.3
Bournemouth School for Girls	9	11.1	33.3	22.2	11.1	22.2						44.4	66.7	100.0	240.0
St. Peter's RC Comprehensive	13			53.8	23.1	15.4	7.7						53.8	100.0	216.9
	30	3.3	10.0	46.7	16.7	20.0	3.3					13.3	60.0	100.0	225.0

Subject : Religious Studies ; Exam : GCE AS level

Centre	NOE	A	B	C	D	E	N	Q	U	X	A-B	A-E	QCA Av Pts
Bournemouth School (Boys)	9	33.3	11.1	22.2	22.2	11.1					44.4	100.0	110.0
Bournemouth School for Girls	6	16.7	16.7	50.0		16.7					33.3	100.0	107.5
St. Peter's RC Comprehensive	19		10.5	5.3	21.1	47.4			15.8	[1]	10.5	84.2	72.6
	34	11.8	11.8	17.6	17.6	32.4			8.8	[1]	23.5	91.2	88.7

Subject : Religious Studies ; Exam : ELQ Band C

Centre	NOR	NOE	3	2	1	F	Q	U	X	QCA Av Pts
St. Peter's RC Comprehensive	241	3			100.0					10.0
		3			100.0					10.0