

RE newsletter for schools in Devon and Torbay and Exeter Diocese



June 2019

New Agreed Syllabus for Devon, Torbay and Plymouth schools

We are excited to welcome a new RE Syllabus for schools in Devon, Torbay and Plymouth, written by RE Today. This will come free into every school and academy for Sept 2019. Launch events for Devon and Torbay schools

- Mon 3rd June: Belmont Chapel, Exeter
- Tues 4th June: Broomhill, Barnstaple
- Wed 5th June: Buckfast Abbey

Devon schools: www.babcock-education.co.uk/ldp/cpd

Torbay schools: contact

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Head Teachers, school leaders and governors are invited to attend Session 1 (9.30-11am) at Belmont Chapel **FREE**, provided they are sending a full paying delegate to one of the events.

Plymouth schools launch date is 8th July.

Contact edutrain@plymouth.gov.uk

For RE support, please contact Ed Pawson at efpawson@gmail.com or ed.pawson@exeter.anglican.org
Church school contact: Tatiana Wilson at tatiana.wilson@exeter.anglican.org



Courses and CPD opportunities

Learn Teach Lead RE (LTLRE)

<http://ltlre.org/events>

Hubs are free and open to all teachers of RE, primary and secondary. See [website](#) for details
East Devon hub, Woodbury Primary school, Wed 26th June

Exeter hub, St Peter's High School, Tues 4th June

North Devon hub, Boston Tea Party, Barnstaple, Wed 3rd July

Plymouth hub, Bickleighdown School

South Devon hub and **Torbay hub**, Warberry School, Torquay, Wed 4th July

Save the date: LTLRE conference St Mellion, Saltash, Thurs 10th/Fri 11th October £60

How to collect your new (free) RE syllabus

Hard copy

- At the launch events (see above)
- Ask another school to collect it from the launch
- Collect it from Milford House, Pynes Hill, Exeter EX2 5GF on 3.30-5.00pm on Mon 10th June
- Contact [Ed Pawson](#) to arrange collection

Electronic copy

Download site (to go live on 3rd June):

<https://www.retoday.org.uk/coursedownload/>

Password: **D&TLaunch2019!**

Additional teaching units

The syllabus comes with medium term planning. Additional SoW will be available to buy at and after the launch events from [RE Today](#) at a reduced price.

Faith and Belief School Visitors directory



A directory is available to contact [faith and belief visitors](#) who can come to your school to talk about their beliefs and commitments. The list of visitors can be accessed through the resources page on the *Learn, Teach, Lead RE* (LTLRE) website.

RE support and resources

[Exeter Diocese](#) for C of E schools

[Devon SACRE RE](#) for all Devon schools for **assessment** in RE

[Learn, Teach Lead RE](#) RE hub network groups

[NATRE](#) National Association of Teachers of RE
[RE Quality Mark](#) to audit and celebrate your RE

[Re-online](#) RE subject knowledge site

[True Tube](#) free video resources

[RE definitions](#) free info about key RE words

[Religious Education Council](#) national voice for RE

Find the new [RE Resources sheet](#) here

Inspired Classrooms



The [Inspired Classrooms](#) Toolkit provides teachers with ideas, lessons and resources to help pupils explore their local parish church (or any place of worship?)

Useful video resources



Primary: [Coco](#) is a lovely, effervescent film about death. It explores themes of familial responsibility, death, and loss, but marries those heavy themes with musical numbers and unforced comedy.

Secondary: A very [British Ramadan True Tube](#) for free video resources

Better Primary RE



Do you know any neighbouring schools who need help with their RE? NATRE has devised a new project to help schools that recognise the need to improve their RE provision. The invitation-only project will enable 1,000 primary schools to offer 'Better RE', which means RE for thinking, creativity, standards and challenge. If you have any schools in your local area that would benefit, please [email](#)

Christian mindfulness

Useful site to find out more about [Christian mindfulness](#)

Prayer spaces

[Prayer Spaces in Schools](#) enable children and young people, of all faiths and none, to explore significant life questions, spirituality and faith in a safe, creative and interactive way.

RE in Church schools



A new [RE statement of entitlement](#) for CofE schools has been published, in response to the report from the [RE Commission](#).

Key quote

"The re-emergence of religion in the public square is one of the biggest and most significant paradigm shifts of recent times." Graham Ward, Regius Professor of Divinity at Oxford

Philosophy 4 Children



The Philosophy Man is a useful place to find resources for P4C. They work with schools to develop confident, independent thinkers through [Philosophy for Children](#).

Assessment in RE

ASSESSMENT IN RE

A practical guide

Editors Fiona Moss and Stephen Pett



A brand new [guide to assessment in RE](#) from NATRE provides an overview of post-levels assessment practice, outlining different approaches used in primary and secondary schools. This title is practical and close to the classroom reality for busy teachers, and is an essential reference point for all existing subject leaders, as well as those preparing to become teachers of RE.

Spirited Arts



The NATRE [Spirited Arts](#) competition provides a fantastic opportunity for your pupils to engage with a wide range of RE topics in inspiring and imaginative ways, creating powerful learning outcomes. Entries need to be in by 31st July.

Global links for schools

A number of schools are exploring how to develop better Global links with other schools or development projects. If you have a successful link in your school/locality [I would be very interested to know](#) about what you are doing. The Diocese of Exeter has a long-standing companion link with the Thika Diocese in Kenya. If you would like to know more about this link, [please get in touch](#).

Visit Rome

5 night trip to Rome offers a chance to experience this beautiful city with friends and colleagues for a programme of visits, reflection, refreshment and rest. Dates: May half term 2020. Find out more [here](#).

Visit India

Delhi and Beyond Are you interested in a [Soul of India](#) trip for RE teachers. The tour will include Delhi, Shimla, Amritsar, Tarn Taran, Goindwal, Dharamshala followed by an optional extension to Jaipur and Agra (July/August 2020)