

South Glos SACRE RE newsletter



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South Glos RE syllabus

Have your say: please complete this [short questionnaire about the S Glos RE syllabus](#).

The current [S Glos RE syllabus](#) runs until July 2027. SACRE is looking at plans to revise or replace this, but with the current conversation about RE joining the NC we have put the discussion on hold.

RE in the NC - update

National conversations are ongoing to create a framework for RE as a possible NC subject. We await a decisions being made by the DfE in the coming months. [See NATRE news](#).

Fasting for peace

This year, unusually, Ramadan and Lent run almost together in time. Muslims will be fasting from 17th Feb until 19th Mar. Lent began on 18th Feb and runs through to 2nd Apr.

Although these two religious practices have different requirements, they are remarkably similar in the expectations of behaviour that they expect.

For both Christians and Muslims, fasting is about more than just abstaining from food (and drink), it's about cultivating an empathetic and respectful attitude towards those around us.

Ramadan fasting is more than just abstaining from food and drink. It is a holistic discipline of the heart. You might physically starve yourself all day. Yet, without guarding your behaviour, you may gain nothing but hunger. [Link](#)
Find daily Ramadan reflections [here](#)

Pope Leo XIV's message for Lent

'I would like to invite you to a very practical and frequently unappreciated form of abstinence: that of refraining from words that offend and hurt our neighbour. Let us begin by disarming our language, avoiding harsh words and rash judgement, refraining from slander and speaking ill of those who are not present and cannot defend themselves. [Link](#)

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Learn Teach Lead RE



LTLRE hub (twilight) meetings are **free and open to all teachers of RE, primary and secondary, wherever you are based**. See LTLRE [website](#) for full details.

WIRE Award and WIRE Gold

[WIRE Award](#) and [WIRE Gold](#): open to all South Glos schools. [Apply now](#) to be recognised for your commitment to better RE. Transport subsidy available

Teaching about Hindu Dharma

[Videos](#) to help teach about Hindu life.
Somerset syllabus: interviews with [Hindu children](#).
[Amazing pictures](#): Magh Mela festival in India.

RE subject knowledge

To find out about a religion or worldview, try accessing the [KNOWLEDGE](#) section of RE Online. Or the [FACTSHEETS](#) on Religion Media Centre site.

RE videos

Pennine Learning has created a great set of [videos](#) for teaching about different religions

Any Questions

Ask questions about:
[Teaching Judaism](#) 3.45-4.45pm Mon 9th Mar
[Teaching Islam](#) 3.45-4.45pm Mon 9th Mar

RE Hubs

Visit the [RE Hubs](#) website for all your RE needs: accredited [School Speakers](#), [Places of Worship](#), [Advertise RE Jobs](#), [Resources](#), [Calendar of CPD Events](#), [Local Groups](#), [School Speakers](#)

Retreat Bursaries available for Teachers



Feedback from previous recipients:

'Wonderful to experience quality time away from the busyness of daily life, to be with like-minded people sharing a new experience'

'Thank you so very much for making a much-needed time of solace and recovery a reality!'

'This opportunity to find space and stillness away from the 'world' has given me much needed refreshment and solace at a difficult time.'

Do you find life in the classroom as tiring as it is stimulating?

Would you like time to rest, read, reflect and recharge?

In a new initiative, the Association for Promoting Retreats (APR) is offering **bursaries** for staff (*teachers, headteachers, teaching assistants, and pastoral/welfare staff*) in Church of England schools to go on retreat at any APR member retreat house in the UK

For more information, and an application form, please apply through the retreat house of your choice as listed on promotingretreats.org/where, or contact the APR Administrator (promoting.retreats@gmail.com)



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