



# SACRE NEWSLETTER

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Dear colleagues,

Happy New Year to you!

We hope you enjoy this Spring term newsletter from your SACRE (Standing Advisory Committee for RE) and that the term has started well for you all.

Thanks to those of you who have already booked your FREE place at the Annual RE Conference on 3rd February at Engineers' House Bristol.

We also look forward to welcoming some of you to our online RE hub meeting this term on Monday 6th February, 4-5pm, with visiting speaker Matt Evans from Humanists UK. Email your hub leader [Rebekah Guy](mailto:Rebekah.Guy@southglos.co.uk) for details

As always, do contact your adviser

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with any RE related questions or issues, or to book a 1:1 visit.

# HIVE RE support across South Glos

Did you know that for most schools in South Glos there is a HIVE RE leader linked to your smaller schools hub group?

HIVE leaders are RE subject leaders in a school linked to your own, and are able to offer FUNDED time for RE subject development in your school.



Contact them to arrange a chat about RE in your school and find out what time they can offer you to evaluate and set some next steps for your subject leadership and curriculum support. Alternatively email [laura.harris@bristoldioocese.org](mailto:laura.harris@bristoldioocese.org) for info.

## Hubs and leaders :

Envision—Kath English, Longwell Green Primary

Domino—Val Silvester, Holy Trinity Primary Bradley Stoke

Ignite—Jo Hachani, Marshfield Primary

Bridge—Nic Baykaa-Murray, St Peter's Primary

Cotswold Alliance—Louise Tilsley, Hawkesbury Primary

Venture—Anthony Hamlen, St Stephen's Juniors

Phoenix—Katie Wright, Cherry Garden

Endeavour—Rachel Welch, Barley Close

LEAF—Tracy Moorhouse, Mangotsfield Primary

LEAF+ - Rebekah Guy, St Barnabas Warmley

CSET—Kayleigh Rose, Lyde Green Primary

# Holocaust Memorial Day 2023

Visit [www.hmd.org.uk/schools](http://www.hmd.org.uk/schools) to browse the huge range of resources and ideas for Primary and Secondary schools to focus their learning on this important event on 27th January.



## Online book launch event for teachers

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January, 4-5pm we are hosting an online event with Holocaust survivor and author Peter Lantos talking about and reading from his new novel *The Boy Who Didn't Want to Die*, which describes an extraordinary journey made by Peter at the age of five, through war-torn Europe in 1944 and 1945.

You can submit questions to Peter in advance, and prize draw will be conducted during the event for one attending teacher to win a classroom set of books, donated by the publisher - Scholastic Children's Books.

Register for free on [our Eventbrite page](#).

## Ordinary People Film

New for HMD 2023 we have created a short version of the UK Online Commemoration film, suitable for screening at local HMD activities. Perfect for schools, local councils and many more settings, this 20-minute film will provide an introduction to your own HMD activity and set the scene for your audience as we hear testimony from Holocaust and genocide survivors about their experiences.

Download the film for free here: [hmd.org.uk/ordinarypeoplefilm](http://hmd.org.uk/ordinarypeoplefilm)

## Register for the UK Online Commemoration for HMD 2023 and order resources

The full UK Online Commemoration for HMD 2023 will be streamed on Thursday 26 January at 7pm. You can register to watch the commemoration on our website: [hmd.org.uk/ukhmd/](http://hmd.org.uk/ukhmd/)

Please feel free to share this link with parents who may like to watch the commemoration.

## Culham St Gabriel—In conversation...



This term we are focusing on the theme of **Freedom of Religion or Belief (#FoRB)**. Learn more about how we are campaigning for this through education [here](#)

Spring term events:

Monday 16th January 4.30-5.10pm

In conversation with Joe Miller

Theme: Holocaust Memorial Day (27th January 2023)

Monday 20th March 4.30-5.10pm

In Conversation with Professor John Wolffe and friends

Theme: RETOPEA! Promoting religious peace and

Monday 20th February 4-5.10pm

In conversation with Dr Nayla Tabbara and friends

Theme: Learning from experiences in Lebanon

Find out more or to register—

[In Conversation.... - Culham St Gabriel's \(cstg.org.uk\)](https://www.cstg.org.uk)

## CREative, Reinspiring *Virtual* RE Conference



**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023 on Zoom. With practical resources and strategies this year's very popular conference has a focus on Curriculum, RE Assessment, The Hindu Worldview Tradition and a key concept in Christianity tbc.** There will be virtual workshops to support RE teaching in EYFS as well as input for those of you teaching 16+. Thanks to a financial subsidy from Sarum St Michael's Education Charity, it costs only £60 (including VAT) per person. [Book it here](#). Or email [Nicola.coupe@salisbury.anglican.org](mailto:Nicola.coupe@salisbury.anglican.org) for more information.

# Have you booked your place yet?

Bristol, South Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, and Swindon SACRE present

## Annual RE Conference 2023

Friday 3rd February, 9.30-3.00, Engineers' House



### *Religion and Worldviews for a fast changing world*

*A thought provoking and inspiring day of presentations and workshops offering you a wide selection of speakers with many ideas and resources to improve the quality of Religious Education in your school, from EYFS to KS4.*

#### **Aims :**

- **Revisit the principles of a Religion and Worldviews approach and why it is important and beneficial**
- **Identify ways R&W can connect with vital issues in our world today**



#### **KEYNOTE—Religion, Worldviews and Change**

Dr Kate Christopher is a secondary R&W teacher in London, as well as working part-time for Culham St Gabriel's Trust.

Why Religion and Worldviews, why change at all? In this keynote session RE adviser will explore the thinking behind the Religion and Worldviews approach and the reasons why evolution of the RE curriculum is promoted. How does a Religion and Worldviews approach allow children and young people to engage with the big questions facing our communities and our planet? Through practical examples Kate will consider the scope and potential of such an approach for pupils of all ages.

**Also—a great range of workshops to support RE & worldviews throughout the curriculum, including visiting speaker — Luke Donellan Director of Understanding Humanism, who will provide a Primary and a Secondary workshop.**

The conference is face to face only, **FREE** for South Gloucestershire schools. £110 per delegate at the conference venue, £150 for two from the same school.

**FIND OUT MORE:** To register please visit Eventbrite [HERE](#)

or contact Ali.Driver@bristoldiocese.org or  
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# The birthday of Guru Gobind Singh

Did you know that in January, Sikhs celebrate the birth of Guru Gobind Singh, the 10th guru. He is known for the creation of the Khalsa which is celebrated during Vaisakhi in April. Vaisakhi is one of the biggest festivals of this religious tradition.

Find some BBC resources for exploring the story and festival here: [Religious Studies KS2: Vaisakhi - BBC Teach](#)

CBeebies Let's Celebrate [HERE](#)

My Life My Religion— video on the festival [HERE](#)



Older students can watch videos, read blog items and look closely at images of Vaisakhi on the [Basics of Sikhi](#) website. They could explore the diversity and similarity of Vaisakhi celebrations in different parts of the world such as the [UK](#) (London, [Birmingham](#)) and [Amritsar](#)

## Tu Bishvat—Jewish New Year for trees

*“I found a fruitful world because my ancestors planted it for me. Now I’m planting for my children and my children’s children.” (Talmud, Taanit 23A)*

**Sunday 5th February marks the New Year for trees this year, celebrated by many Jewish believers worldwide.**



A great time to explore the Jewish story of creation and/or Adam and Eve, make links with Spring planting and growing and consider religious and non-religious perspectives on nature and the environment.

[The story of Honi the Circle Maker](#) is a popular traditional story in many Jewish communities. Pupils could explore the meaning of the story and key concepts such as faith, trust and commitment.

## Receive funding for a classroom research project:

A fantastic opportunity for teachers with an interest in RE to further develop their knowledge and receive release time for their studies and research.

### Applications

Application forms can be obtained by emailing:

[farmington@hmc.ox.ac.uk](mailto:farmington@hmc.ox.ac.uk)

or by visiting our website at [www.farmington.ac.uk](http://www.farmington.ac.uk)

The closing date for applications for the academic year 2023 – 2024 is Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

University-based Scholarships may be taken in the form of day release for up to 30 days, with the Scholarships being taken within university terms. The academic facilities of the universities/colleges are available for University-based Scholars. Teachers awarded school/home-based Scholarships will be assigned a Farmington Tutor. The Scholarship may be taken in the form of day release, for instance one day a week over a term or over the year, or for continuous periods up to a maximum of 30 days, depending on the operational needs of the school.



## FARMINGTON SCHOLARSHIPS

for headteachers and teachers of Religious Education and  
associated subjects

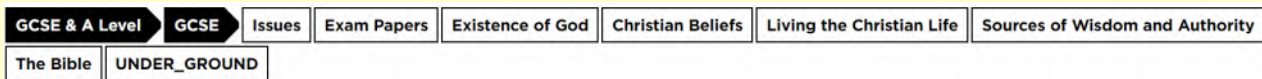
Academic Year 2023-2024

**Open to headteachers, secondary  
and primary school teachers, and  
teachers of RE to children with Spe-  
cial Educational Needs**

# GCSE and A level Christianity resources



The REQuest website contains an enormous bank of materials and resources to support the study of Christianity in all key stages. In particular, the resources for GCSE and A level are tailored to the exam specifications, with resources that can be filtered by the particular exam board you are using in your school. Information is organised around key headings linking with the exam board approach.



Furthermore, you can use the 'boards' function to set particular tasks and resources for your students and for them to share their learning. Registration is free.

[Resources - RE:quest \(request.org.uk\)](http://request.org.uk)

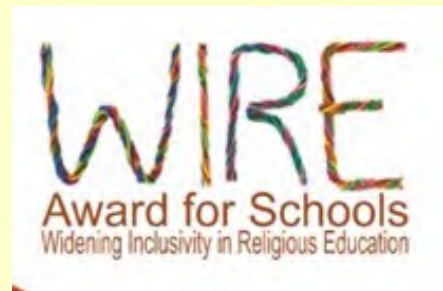
## WIRE Award

### HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR YOURS YET?

Raise the profile of RE in your school and celebrate your inclusive and diverse RE practice.

Just three boxes to tick:

1. attend some RE CPD
2. arrange a visit or visitor to/from a place of worship that is not Christian
3. take part in an additional RE event e.g. exhibition, art competition, multi-faith day.



To find out more email [laura.harris@bristoldiocese.org](mailto:laura.harris@bristoldiocese.org)



## Learning about Lent— Christian charity resources

The Christian Aid and CAFOD websites are often rich resources for RE for all ages, making links between Christian belief and social action. Could you make some links across your curriculum through learning about Lent this Spring?

[Lent and Easter schools resources - Christian Aid](#)



[Lent Appeal 2023](#)

