

RE Update April 2021

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Ofsted's plans to release Subject Research Reviews and Subject Reports

This will be based on their 3 phases of Curriculum Research:

- Phase One – understand more about the current state of curricular thinking in schools.
- Phase Two – curriculum design and aimed to raise standards through the curriculum.
- Phase Three – move beyond just looking at curriculum intent to looking at how schools implemented that thinking and what outcomes it led to.

- Research reviews: these will collate currently available research evidence. We will consider what published research evidence tells us about a high-quality education in each subject
- Subject reports: we will inform leaders, teachers and tutors, parents and policymakers about what we have learned about the state of the nation when it comes to the quality of school curriculum in a range of subjects

Reminder RE curriculum (Phase 2): Quality factors

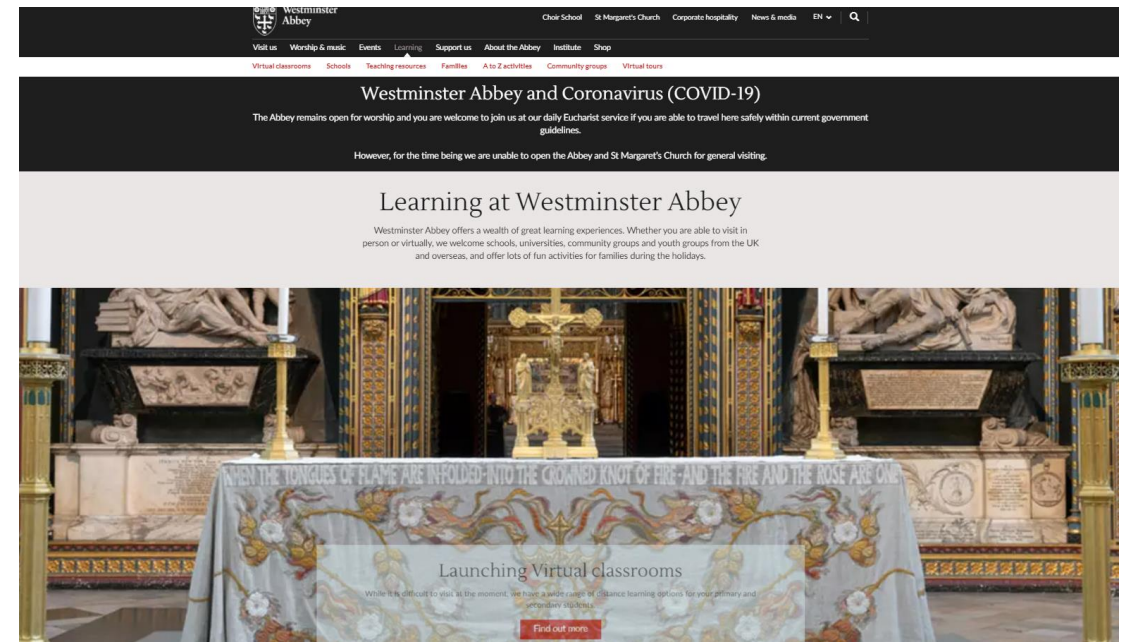
- the importance of RE as a subject with individual disciplines (3 lenses)
- using the RE curriculum to address disadvantage and provide equality of opportunity
- regular RE curriculum review
- using your RE curriculum as the progression model
- intelligent use of assessment in RE to inform curriculum design
- retrieval of core knowledge baked into the RE curriculum
- distributed curriculum leadership

As RE is not a National Curriculum subject it is unclear if Ofsted will include it when it publishes these reviews and reports later this year.

Even if it does not we will be able to glean evidence from other humanities subjects to reflect a view in RE.

Virtual Visits and Tours

- A couple of new resources have come to light around virtual visits and tours of places of worship.
- Westminster Abbey – offers free self-guided tours on a range of themes or tours for schools led by a tour guide at a small cost (£48). Go to www.westminster-abbey.org and go to Learning to explore the virtual classrooms and virtual tours offered that have the cost I mentioned or go to Learning and virtual tours for the free ones, these include:
 - Worship and Daily Life
 - Monarchy
 - National Memory – citizenship
 - Building Westminster Abbey



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Global Neighbours

An accreditation scheme for primary schools run by Christian Aid in partnership with the Church of England Education Office.

Our aim is to help schools inspire their pupils to make a difference in a challenging world. Wherever you are on the global learning journey, Christian Aid will help you to explore, strengthen and celebrate your school's potential to respond to global injustice. Global Neighbours accreditation will showcase the wonderful work you are doing to support pupils' development as courageous advocates.

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- A high level of weak applications from schools demonstrated lack of understanding around courageous advocacy.

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- The Good Global Citizenship Guide aims to help schools to provide a 'do and don't' section as well as encouraging schools to think a little bit more deeply about whether the evidence they are submitting / work they are doing is good global citizenship learning supporting long term sustainable development, or whether it is something they've always done / general SIAMS evidence.



Self-review tool

This self-review tool is designed to help schools explore their readiness for Global Neighbours. Staff should work together on this, so that each member can highlight their different areas of work. Schools can then use the areas for development they have identified to inform their action plan as they seek to embed their global citizenship work more fully in preparation for accreditation. Schools are much more likely to be successful in achieving awards if they are able to tick 'embedded' or 'fully embedded' in the checklist for each criteria area before they apply.

Please note that this tool is for your school's own planning and internal review; it does not need to be submitted when you apply for an award. When you are ready to apply, please use the [evidence form and action plan](#) for your application. For more information on some common pitfalls, please see the Global Neighbours Good Global Citizenship Guide.



- The Self-Review Tool is designed to be used as schools embark upon the application process to help them to gauge which level they may be at.

Global Neighbours 1 hour courses 2021-2022

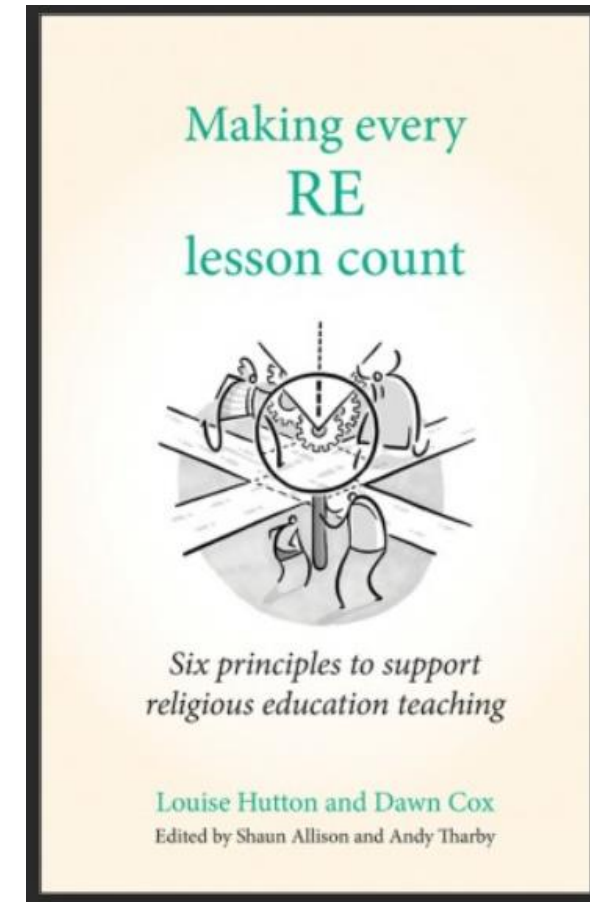
- 10 November 2021 (ZOOM) 10-11.30
- 16 March 2022 (ZOOM) 10-11.30

Book through Eventbrite

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Making Every RE Lesson Count: six principles to support religious education teaching (£11.99 on Amazon) by Louise Hutton

- Latest curriculum developments and evidence informed practice in RE in the classroom
- Practical, helps to unpick the big questions of religious belief and practice, morality, and philosophy
- Provides six pedagogical principles – challenge, explanation, modelling, practice, feedback and questioning
- Simple and realistic strategies to help us teach RE better



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Notice: SIAMS inspections will not resume until the Autumn term 2021

Following the announcement by the government on 29th March that routine Ofsted graded inspections will remain suspended until the Autumn term we can confirm that SIAMS Inspections will not resume until the Autumn term of 2021. We will be working with the Department for Education and the other section 48 providers to consider the most effective way of resuming SIAMS inspection and will be in touch with more details about this as we also introduce our new nationally integrated system for SIAMS.

From September 2021 SIAMS:

- New national programme for SIAMS scheduling
- New national critical readers
- Inspectors will inspect in wider regional areas
- Training and schedule may adapt to take into context covid



Margaret James, Diocesan Director of Education for Worcester, has been appointed as the National Director of SIAMS for the Church of England.



David Tait, Headteacher of Shincliffe CE Primary School, Durham, has been appointed Deputy Director of SIAMS.

New training offer for 2021-22

In addition to running several of the popular courses this year, two new ones will appear next year:

- Understanding Humanism
- Introducing Philosophy to EYFS and KS1

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Also, will be offered short bespoke staff meeting sessions to suit you, these could include:

- Agreed Syllabus Training
- Planning Surgeries
- Philosophy
- RE and SIAMS
- In school moderation using the age-related expectations
- RE Curriculum development / review
- REQM support
- Global Neighbours support

These cost £50 for 2 hours in your school

- Understanding Christianity Refresher Training (2x 2hour sessions)

This costs £100 for the 4 hours in your school

Email chris.allen@dioceseofnorwich.org if you are interested