

RE Update – December 2020

There have been many changes over this term in the world of RE and this update hopes to bring some of this information to you in an easy to access format.



A new website and a new award criterion were launched in September 2020. The award criteria have been slimmed down to four areas from five. It has also been updated to reflect the current educational landscape in terms of Ofsted's curriculum focus and the expectations in the SIAMs schedule for church schools. The evidence form is also much more concise and has space to identify your evidence and to make a supporting statement for each of the four assessment areas.

You can access the new REQM website at www.reqm.org

Mary Myatt – The Soak

The Soak is a fabulous FREE professional development website created by Mary Myatt and it has many invaluable short videos on aspects of RE training (as well as other hot topics). RE training and resources include – A quick introduction to RE, Evidence based practice in RE and RE Planning – Creation.

You can access The Soak at <https://thesoak.education>



JOURNEYS FOR LEARNING

Advent Resources – Janet Marshall

Janet Marshall, former Cathedral Education Officer at Norwich has started her own business in her retirement – Journeys for Learning. As part of her work Janet has kindly produced some YouTube videos of her work.

At present you can access her 30 minute Advent and Nativity video for KS1 and KS2 by using this link (for FREE): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Go9MhtwSxpw>

You can access Journeys for Learning at www.journeysforlearning.co.uk

Culham St Gabriel's have launched their new and updated website with a new logo and many new resources. They have also created a new vision - **Our vision is for a broad-based, critical and reflective education in religion and worldviews contributing to a well-informed, respectful and open society.**



CULHAM ST GABRIEL'S

New resources on the website include a news section with regular blogs on RE from their CEO Dr Kathryn Wright, a great revised section on resources including downloadable and FREE resources from RE Xchange that happened in October this year.

You can access the website using the following link: www.cstg.org.uk



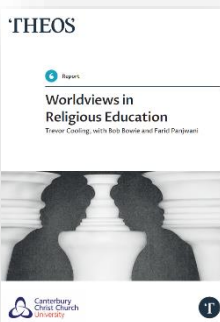
Bible Educational Services

Bible Time is part of Bible Educational Services and offers FREE downloadable lesson plans linked to every aspect of the bible. These are handily split into age bands (preschool, 5-7, 8-10, 11-13 and 14+). Each age band is then further split into three series or cycles to use Series A-C. The lessons are a great resource to support teaching of Christianity in schools and compliment the Understanding Christianity Project well.

You can access the website using the following link: www.besweb.com

Reports on RE and Worldviews

Some excellent reports have been recently published to support the professional development and progression of the teaching of RE. The common theme is considering the concept of worldviews both religious and non-religious. They are a good read for RE leaders in school and are highly recommended.



The Theos Report – Worldviews in Religious Education (2020)

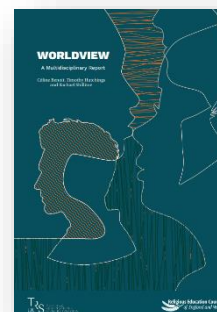
This report really considers the concept of worldviews as part of the teaching of RE in schools. You can access this lengthy report (110 pages) by downloading it from this link:

Worldview-in-Religious-Education---FINAL-PDF-merged.pdf (theosthinktank.co.uk)

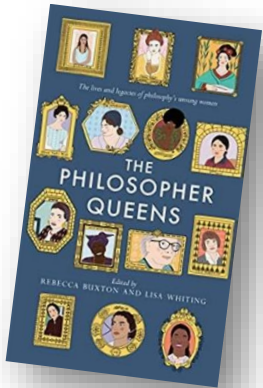
The Worldview – A Multi-Disciplinary Report (2020)

This report was commissioned by the RE Council to provide an academic summary of what worldviews as a concept means for teachers or RE today. It is a concise review of worldviews (24 pages). You can download it using the following link:

www.religiouseducationcouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/20-19438-REC-Worldview-Report-A4-v2.pdf



Some useful books that are currently out to support aspects of RE Teaching:

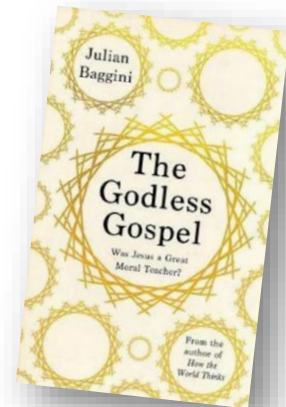


The Philosopher Queens is a **book that breaks the mould in more ways than one.** It is both a fine introduction to the thinkers that it portrays, and an introduction to important though often neglected strands in “western” and “non-western” philosophy alike. This book should become a compulsory textbook for students of philosophy.

ISBN 978-1-78352-801-1

Julian Baggini challenges our assumptions about Christian values - and about Jesus - by focusing on Jesus's teachings in the Gospels, stripping away the religious elements such as the accounts of miracles or the resurrection of Christ. Reading closely this new 'godless' Gospel, included as an appendix, Baggini asks how we should understand Jesus's attitude to the renunciation of the self, to politics, or to sexuality, as expressed in Jesus's often elusive words.

ISBN 978-1-78378-231-4



People to Follow on Twitter – all things RE

[@EthicsInBricks](#) – a humorous twitter stream in Lego focusing on everyday ethical and religious issues.

[@ReformingRE](#) – updates and conversations from the Reforming RE project.

[@ReThinkREnow](#) – a stream linked to ensuring every child in every school has access to good quality RE.

[@philosophyinks2](#) - John Semmens is the Chair of Norfolk SACRE and a curriculum trainer and teacher of all things philosophy.

[@OxfordEdRE](#) – good for students and teachers in secondary schools looking for support around RE.