

Merton Council Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

Tuesday 12 November 2024 at 5.30pm

Venue – Raynes Park High School, Bushey Road, London SW20 0JL

Agenda

1. Introduction: welcome
2. Presentation by Kirsten Taylor, Head Teacher: The quality and impact of RE at Raynes Park High School
3. Apologies for absence
4. SACRE administration
 - Welcome to any new members
 - Committee vacancies – Church of England, Sikhism, Roman Catholicism, Labour Councillor, NEU, NASUWT
5. Approval of minutes of previous SACRE meeting, 23.07.2023
6. Actions from meeting 23.07.2023
7. Matters Arising from meeting 23.07.2023 not covered elsewhere
8. Syllabus workshop
 - Agree next steps: cover, content
 - 16-18 Agreed Syllabus
9. SACRE members' school visits
10. Sixth form Interfaith Project – planning for 2024-25
11. Merton SACRE Submission to DfE National curriculum and assessment review
12. Religious Education Council's Religion and Worldviews approach to RE Toolkit (<https://religiouseducationcouncil.org.uk/rwapproach>)
13. NASACRE training and updates
14. Any Other Business
15. Dates and venues for 2025 meetings
 1. Tuesday 25 February 2025, Mitcham Parish Church, 6.30pm
 2. Tuesday 1 July 2025, venue and time to be agreed
 3. Tuesday 4 November 2025, venue and time to be agreed

Summary of actions from the 23 July 2024 Merton SACRE meeting

Action	ref	description	by	date
1	1	Contact RCAOS to follow up sourcing of a Roman Catholic member for Group A.	Clerk	ASAP
2	2	Introduce Merton SACRE and raise the NEU and NASUWT vacancies at three online RE subject leaders' training meetings: invite new RE adviser Ian Nicholson to explain the role.	Chair/Vice-chair/All members	Autumn 2024
3	2.2	Circulate dates and links for autumn RE subject leaders' training meetings.	Clerk	ASAP
4	2.3	Advise Local Authority regarding recruitment of a new Group D Labour Councillor to SACRE.	KS	ASAP
5	2.4	Contact the Head Teacher at Abbotsbury Primary School to set a date for a meeting of the Abbotsbury Primary School Cultural Ambassadors with the Year 12 Interfaith Dialogue Project students.	KS	ASAP
6	3	Follow up organisation of the Judaism Living exhibition in the Merton Chaucer Centre in autumn 2024: organise volunteers and school visits.	MF/ KS	ASAP
7	3.2	Continue to contact schools on circulated list to arrange SACRE members' attendance at faith assemblies.	All members	Autumn 2024
8	4	Ask LA for an explanation of how Merton SACRE is funded.	KS	12 Nov 2024
9	5	Add a paragraph to the 2022-23 Annual Report outlining how SACRE funding is spent.	KS	ASAP
10	5.2	Meet new Executive Director of Children's Services for Merton, Beverley Hendricks, to present and discuss the Annual Report.	GM/JC/KS	ASAP
11	5.3	Send amended Annual Report to NASACRE.	Clerk	ASAP
12	6	Discuss REC's Religion and Worldviews toolkit at next SACRE meeting.	All members	12 Nov 2024
13	7	Set and circulate dates for Interfaith Dialogue Project events in 2024-25.	KS	ASAP
Action	ref	Syllabus review Actions	by	date
1	3	Produce primary RE syllabus units on Humanism, Sikhism and Buddhism.	JC/DK/KE	12 Nov 2024
2	3	Adapt existing secondary units to enable more comparative teaching on diversity and varying beliefs within faiths: review Hinduism unit as part of this exercise.	Sub-committee members/GM	12 Nov 2024
3	3	Syllabus review sub-committee to meet at Ricards Lodge School to discuss production of the additional units.	JC/KE/GM/DK	ASAP
4	7	Organise update of pp.15-20, the data-based review of religions in Merton, in the Merton RE Syllabus.	KS	ASAP
5	7	Check Resources content on p.76 of the Merton RE Syllabus and update where necessary.	RN	ASAP
6	7.2	Check the relevant pages for each faith, p.150-on, to ensure the teaching resources are still up to date. Feed these and any other amendments back to the Syllabus sub-committee before 12 November.	Relevant SACRE faith representatives	ASAP
7	7.3	Ask teachers attending RE subject leaders' autumn meetings what they would like to see included in the Syllabus.	GM/JC/all members	Autumn 2024