

REaction's Pilgrimage to York

Following the huge success of Hull & East Riding's **REaction** days in 2002 and 2003, York Minster has recently hosted a pilot for 300 pupils from York LEA schools.



The event is a collaboration between artists *Label of Love* from Hull and *YoYo (York Schools Youth Trust)*, teachers from the Minster's Centre For School Visits and the Diocese of York. If feedback is positive, then

the plan is to invite *all*



schools in York Diocese to the Mother Church for **RE-action 2005**.

Pupils enjoyed six workshops ranging from the lively dance and music - led by the artists - to the creative and reflective, where



they considered their hopes and dreams for the future on their personal Pilgrimage - the Journey of Life.

Some 2100 East Riding pupils are signed up for **REaction 2004** in June:

Beverley Minster - **8,9,11th**

Driffild Methodist - **18th**

Bridlington Priory - **23,24th**

Market Weighton - **29,30th** (Anglican & RC venues)



The theme for 2004:

Pilgrimage

QCA consults on RE Framework

Work on the new RE non-statutory framework goes public soon.

Copies will be sent to all schools at the start of a consultation period which runs into the summer and allows all stakeholders

the opportunity to comment on QCA's proposals.

At the same time, the East Riding begins its own consultation in preparation for the review of our Agreed Syllabus, due in October 2004. It is timely that we can take a look at the effectiveness of our own RE curriculum and

align it with current thinking. Look out for the questionnaire on eRiding; this is your chance to let us know what you think of our syllabus!

*Remember that the East Riding Agreed Syllabus will remain the **statutory** RE curriculum for our schools. In the review process, we continue to work alongside our partner LEAs, as before.*

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RE bite-size:

- The TTA has currently recruited 581 trainee RE teachers this year; the target is 701
- As part of the ongoing Pupil Participation in Worship (KS3) project, a group of Wolfreton pupils are hoping to visit their counterparts at Hull's Archbishop Thurstan CE School during the Summer Term
- Funding has been requested for the East Riding to be part of a Yorkshire and Humberside project to invite artists of various faiths to work in schools: a Creative Context?

East Riding Networks & Initiatives

FREE! FREE! FREE! FREE! FREE!

As mentioned in the Autumn, it has been decided to disperse the remaining useful items from the old Humber-side resource bases.

There will be the opportunity for any school to come along to the LEA Resources Room at Skirlaugh on

May 4th & 5th from 4 - 5.30 pm

and help themselves to whatever they would like to take... yes, really! Try it!

Detail from the Book of Kells, Trinity College, Dublin



NEW ER BOOKS FOR RE

Recent additions to LEA resources:

- **Student Handbook for RE**

Dr Mike Kirby & Phil Emmett

(Pearson Publishing @ £4-95)

Covering all main religions for KS3/4, systematic treatment of the key facts, easy to read and absorb with questions at the end of each chapter to test understanding.

ISBN: 1 85749 842 9

I wonder...



Godly Play

- **Living in a Fragile World**

Peter Privett (BRF @ £7.99)

A spiritual exploration of conservation & citizenship using Godly Play methods

ISBN: 1 84101 325 0

- **Worship ASAP**

Susan Murrell

(Church House Publishing @ £14.95)

ISBN 0 7151 4005 1

Over 40 pick-up-and-use ideas for acts of collective worship, useful for all, but designed particularly for use in special education or with pupils with SEN.

- **The Good Book**

A landmark BBC Radio 2 series on the Bible, available as a specially priced booklet and 3 CD pack. Derek Jacobi narrates one of the greatest stories ever told - the story of humanity's relationship with God as described in the Bible - through six key characters: Abraham, Moses, David, Isaiah, Paul and Jesus.

@ £7.95 from www.bbc.co.uk/beyond

SACRE NEWS

A warm invitation is extended to everybody to come along to the next Hull & East Riding joint SACRE at Staff House, Hull University.

May 25th from 4.30 - 6pm

Julian Stern will speak on *RE & Music*

Words of Wisdom

"What I like about RE is that it is open-minded and it condemns no-one.
 RE is modern and deals with issues today and things that happen and some of us go through."
13-year old Muslim boy
 "Regardless of faith or no faith, the values taught in Hinduism apply to anyone. These are the values of ser-vice, love, sacrifice, humility, duty, fidelity, tolerance and other values that help perfect the individual."
Hindu representative at Young People's Faith Forum
 "It is not money that makes you big or small. I think it is your good deeds that make you great. It is the duty of good citizens to help the needy and less fortunate."
Primary Sikh boy

Did You Know?

Our region has:

- Christians - 3,627,774
 - Muslims - 189,089
 - Sikhs - 18,711
 - Hindus - 15,797
 - Jews - 11,544
 - Buddhists - 7,188
- Others (e.g. Baha'i & Jain) in 100s

Quotes from new secondary resource

Faiths in Britain today - Voices from within
ed. Rosemary Rivett

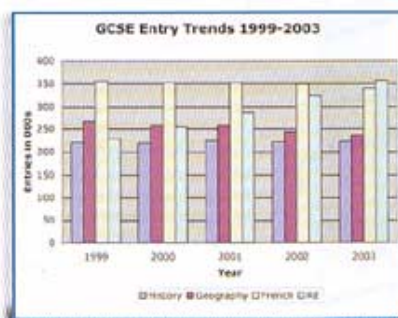
REtoday Services

ISBN 1 904024 46 7

Now for the Good News about Exams!

Religious Studies is the fastest growing GCSE subject and one of the most popular A2/AS choices. 58% of the cohort are now entered for the Short Course.

In 4 years, entries for RS - both Full and Short Courses - have grown by 55% to over 356,000 in 2003. In comparison, entries in History (first column) are static, and Geography (second) is in decline. (French third and RE the fourth column.)



Achievement has risen from 19.8% A*/A in 1999 to 25.5% A*/A* in 2003. (Compare English at 14.3%.)

There is also a positive story Post-16. At A Level there was a 17.6% increase in candidates, with the number of A grades rising from 21.7% to 23.0% and AS from 19.0% to 19.3%.

Figures from www.dfes.gov.uk/rsgateway

Newsboard

Hull & East Riding Interfaith (HERI)
cordially invites you to a meeting on

Tuesday 20 April 2004

7.00 - 8.30 pm

Imam Salik of Hull Mosque & Islamic Centre will speak about his work with the 8000-strong Islamic community in Hull and East Riding

*** Committee Room 1, Guildhall, Hull ***



FREE INSERT!

Using web-based resources in Primary RE

This new resource leaflet from Becta supporting the effective use of ICT in RE, is enclosed for all schools with this edition of REsource. Though aimed at pupils to Year 6, the useful cameos exemplifying how particular websites are used by teachers to support and develop learning in RE is helpful for all key stages.



RE Teaching - The right career?

Featuring contributions from teachers, students, course providers and academics, this is a promotional booklet funded by the Teach RE project to recruit quality RE teachers. It has

been distributed to all final year TRS (Theology & RS), students in the country.

From the 1200 graduates in TRS each year, 700 would be needed to fill the teaching training places that the government conservatively plans for RE! So some teachers must be drawn from other disciplines - **Philosophy, Psychology and Sociology** - who have also received the booklet. There is also a copy at Skirlaugh LEA Resource base if you wish to see it... The promotion of RE as a positive and dynamic career choice is the responsibility of us all.



BURSARY OPPORTUNITIES

The Jerusalem Trust is offering a small number of bursaries to begin in September 2004. The bursaries will support new developers of resources for teaching **English & Citizenship** through online/electronic media for either primary or secondary pupils. Bursaries are available to those with at least 2 years' classroom experience. Apply by 28 May:

coconnell@staplefordcentre.org



Look out for *Literacy in RE (KS3)* - DfES

Grants up to £500!

RESOURCES FOR RE - FREE!

The Jerusalem Trust are also offering to support the purchase of resources for teaching Christianity in RE. These can include textbooks, teacher resources, artefacts, videos, tapes and CD-ROMs for use in RE lessons. The fund is open to all primary and secondary schools, though priority will be given to non-church state secondary schools.

Request a bursary application form from

0115 939 6270



SPIRITED ARTS COMPETITION

Spirited Arts is a PCfRE project designed to help RE teachers to open frontiers between religion and spirituality, and between school RE and expressive arts such as art, drama, dance, music & philosophy.

The first competition in 2003 was an outstanding success, and the resulting web gallery can be viewed on www.pcfre.org.uk/spiritedarts

Themes for 2004 are *The Turning Point of a Story, Peace, A Spiritual Moment, Design an RE logo.*

Closing date: 30th June 2004

Inset

East Riding LEA

Next term our Network meeting for Primary teachers will be:

- May 26th in Beverley

The Madhyamaka Buddhist Community near Pocklington invites all Primary teachers to spend a relaxing and reflective day learning about Buddhism:

- July 8th at Kilnwick Percy

Apply to Liz Sims at County Hall (392426)

City of York LEA

Secondary teachers in the East Riding are receiving an invitation to hear Joyce Mackley (*REtoday*):

- June 23rd - *Developing KS3 RE: providing a challenging curriculum for all*

Apply through the York Inset office.

York St John - RE Centre

Working Together (Church Community partnerships) at Bishopthorpe Palace, York:

- *School Ethos* - 11th May
- *RE* - 8th June
- *Collective Worship* - 13th July
- *Spiritual Development* - 15th Sep

Apply to Suzanne Parkes on yict@yorks.ac.uk

Our new ER RE website:

www.reweb.org

You may contact Sue Holmes on 01482 392464 (LEA) or 01904 699515 (Diocesan office). Please leave a message if she is unavailable and she will get back to you as soon as she can.

Sue is funded 2 days each week by the Diocese of York to support church schools and parishes.

Adrian Christmas (History & Geography Adviser) is now managing RE. He is on 01482 302403.

SACRE matters and Collective Worship are overseen by Bob Duerden (Senior Adviser). His contact number is 01482 392401.

Do let us know if you have any particular needs.

Cape Town partnership to benefit Yorkshire pupils

The Diocese of York signed a covenant with the Diocese of Cape Town 3 years ago, and now all schools in the Yorkshire patch are going to benefit. Nestle funding has enabled 4 secondary teachers to visit in May/June and work in Cape Town schools to plan curricular materials



for our pupils in KS2 and KS3. Sue Holmes flew to Cape Town Diocese in March to meet with both Anglican founda-

tion and community (Afrikaans-speaking) schools in preparation for the teachers' visit. The chosen curricular areas for study are English/Drama, RE, Geography and Global Citizenship. If the first phase of the project is successful, then there could well be a phase two where CT teachers come to the UK, and even a phase three where there is an exchange of pupils for work experience. Watch this space for the feedback!

The spectacular playing fields at St George's Grammar School in the shadow of Table Mountain.



Nelson Mandela's Cell on Robben Island, where he spent 18 years of his 26 years of imprisonment, and where he wrote his book *The Long Walk to Freedom*. This year's elections on April 14th mark the 10 years of free government.

Resources

Websites

- www.ofsted.gov.uk

Barbara Wintersgill, Chief HMI for RE, wishes to point out that there are a number of important publications about RE on the Ofsted website. Go to the website, click on publications and type 'religious education' in the search box. There you will find subject reviews, inspecting RE and good assessment practice in RE plus other information.

- www.r-e-m.co.uk

You can see and compare software from various suppliers at an independent software supplier such as Rickitt Educational Media.

Other sites for variety:-

- www.expresso.co.uk
- www.rejesus.co.uk (BBC)
- www.exploringislam.com
- www.emelmagazine.com
(new magazine depicting contemporary Muslim life, also available as hard copy)
- www.sqi.org
(new magazine giving Buddhist perspectives on peace, culture and education)
- www.webshots.com (useful images)

Check out the BBC website - Religion & Ethics section - for a daily story to make you think:

- www.bbc.co.uk



This quote from Proverbs is exemplified in Christian Aid's popular simulation games - suitable for all ages: *The Trading Game* and *The Paper Bag Game*. These easy-to-use games bring to life how injustices of local and global trading systems affect the daily lives of people in poorer countries, and help players explore the important issues of wealth, poverty and justice. For CITIZENSHIP & RE.

www.christianaid.org.uk

Resources for all
Key Stages

Conferences 2004

- York Diocese Church Schools
June 17th, Knavesmire, York

- Stands for Education

Inspiring RE: how to breathe new ideas into your RE curriculum

1st July, Manchester & 9th July, London

For all secondary teachers of RE, this day will provide exciting and practical ideas for creating challenging and engaging RE activities, including strategies to improve planning and departmental management.

mail@sfe.co.uk

- European Forum for Teachers of RE

RE: educating the whole person

26-29, August, Helsinki

Designed for all those involved in teaching RE, the focus of the conference is on pedagogy of RE and the theory that underpins it. kurssit@srk-opisto.fi

- National Christian Teachers

Teaching not Lion Taming - getting the best out of children who challenge

10-12 September, Coventry

Ways to make a Christian difference!

Books

* *Talking Together about Faith...*

A new classroom resource ideal as a thought-provoking extension to RE from Y5 onwards. This is a fascinating and creative exploration of the interaction possible between religions, comprising a series of 'conversations' on aspects of life between children of the six major faiths. The material is also ideal to incorporate into Drama PSHCE and Literacy. Normally @ £7.99; discounts available for 15 or more.

office@johnhunt-publishing.com

Tel. 01962 736881 ISBN: 1 84298 110 2

SHAP WORKING PARTY'S NEW PICTORIAL CALENDAR

Now on offer at £3-50 while stocks last.

Wonderful pictures for the classroom!

Mike Berry

Shap Administrator

PO Box 38580

LONDON SW1P 3XF

Tel. 020 7898 1494

* *Teaching Christianity with the Theatre of Learning: Experiential RE*

This resource, the first in a series of RE teaching aids, comprises a comprehensive set of lesson 'recipes' which will:

- Help KS3 & KS4 pupils understand abstract concepts
- Explore the diversity of Christian beliefs and practice
- Support the Literacy Strategy
- Stretch the most able
- Raise pupil attainment at GCSE without compromising spiritual development.

(File and CD-ROM)

www.sfe.co.uk Fax: 0117 983 8890

CD-ROMs

* *Building Blocks for Religious Studies -*

An extensive range of software from Birchfield Interactive. The *Building Blocks* package suggests content for good ICT-supported lessons for secondary pupils. There is also a pack entitled *Places of Worship* @ £79-95.

*Building Blocks for RS
CD-ROMs pack @£249-95*

www.birchfield.co.uk

What to look for in RE software:

- Does the product cover the faiths in your schemes of work?
- Do you see places of worship in action - real services and music?
- Do you hear people talking about values and beliefs?
- Do you see people in their homes?
- Are children from the faith community included?
- Is there valid use of ICT, or is the product just an electronic book?

* *Modern World Religions*

* *ICT Activities for RE*

Strives for a balance between 'about' and 'from' religion. The ICT pack has a helpful section to develop ICT skills in researching, processing and presenting information.

Modern World Religions & ICT

£120 & £179 (incl. book)

www.heinemann.com.uk

