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## RESOURCE

**The second edition of the East Riding's newsletter for RE comes at a very busy time in the planning and preparation of our new Agreed Syllabus!**

The message is that we **are** getting there ... even if it is, as always seems the case, taking longer than we first thought! At least we hope you will agree that the syllabus will be worth the wait, as by now everybody has had the opportunity to see it in draft form. Many thanks to all of you who took the time and trouble to respond at the consultation stage. We have - between the four unitary authorities - a goodly number of comments, mainly favourable I'm pleased to say, and the job now is to take account of these to make the syllabus as user-friendly as possible. Each LEA will then customise the final version to suit its own schools and the result should go to a full County Council meeting around the end of term, hopefully to be given the seal of approval for publication in the Autumn.

Meanwhile, in **their** little corner, QCA/DfEE have been beavering away with the *Curriculum 2000* review. It seems that we are to be offered guidance on developing an effective scheme of work from an Agreed Syllabus, and guidance on RE's contribution to key skills. So it is all the more pleasing to report that our own in-house schemes are well on the way, and are about to go out to trial by volunteer schools, to be printed as appendices to the new Agreed Syllabus. Further material will be added for INSET by January 2000, to include exemplary lesson plans, assessment and recording notes, a glossary and samples of children's work.

It has become clear that QCA's intention to publish a useful 8-level assessment scale for RE has proved to be no easy task, since there is no national syllabus, and the proposals remain in draft form...Rest assured, everything should shortly become a lot clearer. *Watch this space!*

### RE Resource Centres

In **REsource 1**, we reported that there are 8 Resource Centres in the East Riding; we now can add another to that list, since Hornsea School has compiled an inventory of its own RE resources and offered their loan to other teachers. Any other offers?:

- Hornsea School -Richard Long ☎01964 532727

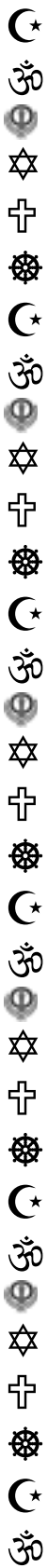
Also, apologies for quoting Preston's telephone number for Thorngumbald Infants last time. It should read:

- Thorngumbald Infant School -Annice Stubbs ☎01964 623402


At Wolfreton School, Kay Greenhalgh has retired, so the new contact is:

- Wolfreton School -Yvonne Johnson ☎01482 659356






**Events**

 *The Arts of the Sikh Kingdoms* (until 25<sup>th</sup> July 1999) - V & A Museum, London


This exhibition marks the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of the Khalsa and is the most comprehensive exhibition ever presented on the artistic tradition of the Punjab under Sikh rule. It includes an exciting range of events and activities which will celebrate the rich cultural heritage of the Sikh peoples.

☎0171 938 8638 (Education Department)

**As part of the  Hull 700 Celebrations, the East Riding is invited to share in 2 events:**


 *Kathakali Dance Workshop* - 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1999 - City Hall, Hull

Exciting dance performance from South India with story-telling, demonstrations of acting techniques & drumming sessions, suitable for KS1/2/3. Schools event 1.30 – 3.00pm. (Enquiries please to Marilyn Cowling, Curriculum Support Teacher for RE, Hull LEA ☎01482 616617).

 *Jewish Way of Life Exhibition* - 13<sup>th</sup> October to 12<sup>th</sup> November, Maritime Museum, Hull

(See attached flyer.) Note the teachers' session, which may be useful even if you are not planning to bring a class to the exhibition yourself. East Riding schools are as welcome as those from Hull, but places are booking fast, since only one class can visit at any one time; please see the enclosed information. Do return your applications to Sue Holmes as soon as you can.

**And for the Millennium:**

 *York Millennium Mystery Plays* – 22<sup>nd</sup> June to 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2000, York Minster

The cycle of Mystery Plays, complemented by the York Early Music Festival, tells the dramatic story of mankind's spiritual journey from Creation to the Day of Judgement. Group bookings only (postal & on-line) opened on 19<sup>th</sup> April – [boxoffice@mysteryplays2000.org](mailto:boxoffice@mysteryplays2000.org). One free ticket for every 20 booked.

Enquiries ☎01904 635444.

**RE INSET** - Summer Term 1999 onwards

Professional Council for RE / Christian Education Movement (CEM): (☎01332 296655)

- ✓ *Four Religions* - a day of cross-phase professional development to help teachers understand particular religions better and teach them more effectively - 30<sup>th</sup> June (Wolverhampton University)
- ✓ *Developing RE: The Role of The Subject Leader* – 2-day residential, cross-phase, offering practical support for effective leadership to help raise standards, and improve teaching & learning - 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> July (Trinity & All Saints University College, Leeds)
- ✓ *Learning from each other: Raising Standards in RE* – 2 days allowing KS2 & KS3 colleagues to share and learn from each other's experience and thus to raise standards in RE. John Keast (QCA) will talk about exemplification of standards in RE, and working sessions will be interspersed with professional dancers, storytellers and musicians of different faiths, showing how they use their skills to teach RE. - 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> July (Cheshire). Contact Jane Brooke ☎01625 260667.
- ✓ *Attainment and Assessment in RE* – a day to focus on the importance of realistic, relevant and practical assessment in improving attainment and quality of teaching, using KS3/4 non-exam work, plus some GCSE, both short & full course – 7<sup>th</sup> October (Derby) / 1<sup>st</sup> November (London)
- ✓ *RE For Teachers With Other Specialisms* – a day aiming to give secondary teachers confidence to explore a range of teaching and learning styles for quality RE – 12<sup>th</sup> October (Manchester) / 18<sup>th</sup> November (London)
- ✓ *Developing RE: Opening up possibilities for spiritual development* – what makes for quality RE in the secondary school? A day to explore and evaluate strategies which support spiritual development – 13<sup>th</sup> October (Southampton) / 10<sup>th</sup> November (Northampton)
- ✓ *Improving Teaching and Learning In Primary RE* - a day which focuses on improving the planning & delivery of a range of teaching and learning styles in RE - 22<sup>nd</sup> October (Middlesborough EDC) / 20<sup>th</sup> January (Leicester)
- ✓ *How To Teach World Religions in the Primary Classroom* – a day course on how teachers can improve their teaching and pupils' learning about world religions, within the context of a range of practical approaches - 8<sup>th</sup> November (London)

York RE Centre: (☎01904 616857/8)

✓ *Attainment & Progress in Primary RE* – 22<sup>nd</sup> June

We shall, of course, be arranging our own INSET for the launch of the revised Syllabus in schools, occasionally liaising with Hull LEA to provide appropriate support. Details will follow with the Course Notices for Autumn 1999.





## RE from the BBC - Summer Term 1999 (block recordings)

- 📺 *Issues* – 5 programmes (KS 4 & post-16) on 23<sup>rd</sup> June - 02.00-03.40 (BBC2)
- 📺 *Believe It or Not* – 3 programmes (KS 3 & 4) on 24<sup>th</sup> June - 02.00-03.00 (BBC2)

### RE Website

📖 **TheREsite** is a new web-site for religious education, designed to guide teachers and pupils to key information with the minimum of fuss. It has been set up and is run by Culham College Institute in conjunction with SPCK. The site is free at the point of access and contains pointers to checked sites using key words on the SCAA glossary of religious terms. Current CD ROMS, videos and other software are listed as well as photo tours of places of worship. There is a news & views section to keep up to date with developments about RE & ICT. TheREsite can be found at

[www.theresite.org.uk](http://www.theresite.org.uk)

📖 The Culham College Institute also publishes *The RE Directory*, which is designed as a simple 'starter' resource document, to give RE teachers a convenient source of information for artefacts, posters, speakers & contact organisations, aiming to help both new and experienced RE teachers to find the information they need.

Very reasonably priced at £9, inclusive of p&p, it is available from CEM. The LEA has purchased a copy (as a start) if you'd like to have a browse.

### Resources

The **Development Education Centre (DEC)** is based at Hull Education Centre and promotes education for global change and development. It provides advice on a wide range of areas including:

- ⌘ developing equal opportunities policies
- ⌘ integrating development issues into the curriculum
- ⌘ sustainability in school
- ⌘ cultures & faiths
- ⌘ selecting and using resources, multicultural books & development themes.

Other teaching materials are on offer in the bookshop. They include:

- ⌘ teaching packs
- ⌘ posters
- ⌘ photo packs
- ⌘ videos
- ⌘ reading/story books
- ⌘ jigsaws
- ⌘ resource lists.

The Centre operates a membership scheme, offering discounts on resources. It can also provide training on development issues which can be organised as school-based INSET. The Centre is a registered charity, independent of Hull LEA, and is part-funded by Christian Aid and Oxfam. It is staffed during term-time and welcomes visitors to view its excellent range of resources which are available for loan. Do go along and take a look – but ring first on ☎01482 616619 / FAX 616604.

✍ It seems that there is still some confusion amongst OFSTED inspectors, when it comes to the inspection of Religious Education!  
As we thought we all know by now, Collective Worship is **not**, and never has been, an integral part of the **RE** Curriculum. It should not therefore get a mention in the subject's inspection report. It may be included in comments under the SMSC (Social, Moral, Spiritual & Cultural) section of the report.

Sometimes RegI's need reminders perhaps!!





