RE Subject Leaders' Newsletter

Central Bedfordshire SACRE

Autumn Term 2026

Wishing you a happy new year and hoping the term has started well for you.

All schools have a duty to provide

Collective Worship

which is "mainly of a broadly Christian character."

We are working with schools and representatives from a range of religions and non-religious worldviews to create some **practical** resources that will inspire and stimulate inter-belief dialogue among pupils within a pragmatic and **flexible** model for schools.

Would you like a first glance at these resources?

Contact the RE Advisor for more information or to join our team of pilot schools!

Interfaith Week

8-15th November

What will your school be doing in support of Schools' interfaith Week this year? The theme for this year is

Lighting the Way for a Shared Future celebrates the belief that, even in challenging times, communities can come together to build understanding, trust and friendship and draws on the symbolism of light across faiths and traditions, including by Diwali, which takes place on the first day. Click here to get your free assembly and lesson plans, plus details of the poetry competition.

Pupils' Interfaith Conference Programme

Last academic year all secondary schools were invited to join a special online Pupils' Interfaith Conference programme with speakers from 6 religions and worldviews giving their responses to religious persecution based around the question:

"Why remember?"

Participating schools received resource packs to support pupils in engaging with the key words and concepts and to prepare for and reflect on, the online conference.





These can be adapted to create a unit of learning, and can now be supported with further resources, including **video clips** that can be used in the classroom to stimulate further discussion or support GCSE learning will be made available.

Contact the RE Advisor to find out more.

Sharing lived experiences

Meanwhile, why not book your own visit, or you can also get in touch with some trained speakers to visit your pupils or arrange a visit to their place of worship via the **RE Hubs.**

Why not invite someone to talk about how they celebrate a particular festival?

Save the Date!

As you may be aware, we are now providing free RE CPD training for all Central Beds schools, including State, Faith, Free and Academy schools.

Our next **Subject Leaders' Session**

will be held on **25th November**

This session will develop your **knowledge** of the subject and provide some examples of meaningful RE whichever curriculum package your school may currently follow.

Contact the RE Advisor to find out more.

The Schools' Linking Programme

with the Faith Belief Forum

is now being made available to CB schools. This is a free programme for all primary and secondary schools, which matches classes from different cultural or faith backgrounds to explore issues of **identity**, **community** and **belief** over three 'Link' days through the course of an academic year. All you have to do is get in touch with alejandra.sanchez@faithbeliefforum.org to join for free.