

# In Touch

Summer 2012



## SACRE CONFERENCE MAY 2012

This year sees the eighth Annual Nottinghamshire SACRE Conference on May 21st at St John's College Nottingham, NG9 3DS. The conference has been planned to help with areas being considered by HMI & Ofsted in their inspections on Spiritual and Moral Development. The Conference will have seminars led by Lat Blaylock and Stephen Pett, from RE Today, Emma McVittie, RE teacher trainer, who worked at the last conference for the first time and Lisa Kassapian, a consultant from Breathe RE.

The closing date for applications is St Georges Day, April 23rd, forms are available from the website.

## PRIMARY HEADTEACHER CONFERENCE

It was so good to meet head teachers at the Head teachers Conference for Primary schools held at Eastwood Hall in the Spring Term. After talking on the telephone to so many people, it was good to put a face to the voices. We look forward to working with new schools in the County on Faith Experiences following on from requests which were made to us.

## LOANS FROM THE CENTRE

For an efficient, reliable service, we need your help to return loans on time or apply for an extension.

Collections and returns are from the reception at Bluecoat Academy, Aspley Lane, between 8-7pm. Thanks to Bluecoat Academy for their continuing support and co-operation with hosting the centre and allowing the use of their reception.

## POST 16 CONFERENCE @ ST JOHNS

The second conference was held before Easter and many students studying A/S or A level were present. Some of the lectures commented on the thinking of some students who made unique contributions in discussions.

The County SACRE does support this venture as we are trying to assist schools in preparing students for their examinations. Many good ideas came back from the conference about moving on in the future. One school brought along Gift and talented students from Year 11 as a taster for studying Religious Education at this level.

As teachers of RE we are grateful to the way in which St John's College is willing to assist in the provision of such courses.

## SERVICE UPDATE

If you wish to place orders for loans from the Centre, please give as much notice as possible.

The best method of communication is e-mail, however voice mail messages can be left and will be dealt with as soon as possible.

The website will soon have a new facility in the subscribers areas. This is in response to Secondary teachers in the County asking about sharing approaches and lesson materials to assist each other.

Several schools have said they will place materials there for others to use so we have an exchange of materials and approaches.

At a primary course recently, a similar request was made. If you would be interested in sharing materials in this way please send an e-mail to the Centre.

## SACRE PRIMARY COURSES A SUCCESS

Over 20 Primary teachers gathered together in Edwinstowe House for a day, working with Lat Blaylock on "Better RE with the Agreed Syllabus". They all took away with them various resources and ideas to develop in their classrooms.

## FAITH EXPERIENCES

We have been out on the road again, taking Faith Experiences to Bagthorpe, Worksop and Kirkby-in-Ashfield.

Please contact us via email for bookings, during the summer term we will be visiting Stapleford and making our first ventures outside Nottinghamshire, visiting Derbyshire and South Yorks.

## NOTTINGHAM INTER FAITH COUNCIL

As you are aware the RS Resource Centre and Inter Faith work closely on education matters, our working relationship is changing due to funding issues and a new pattern will be evolving as we move forward. We thank John Murray for the service he has given to both organisations as he moves on to new challenges and opportunities. He will still be involved in some of our ventures.

We welcome Joanne Thorpe as the new Field Officer for Inter Faith; mail is still to be sent to the RS Resource Centre, all calls should be directed to 07445 893 641. The email address will be: [office@interfaithnottingham.org.uk](mailto:office@interfaithnottingham.org.uk)

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