

Havering SACRE, March 3rd 2020

Local RE update

Subject Leaders' meetings

This term's Subject Leaders' Network meeting was held at Ardleigh Green Infant School. Many thanks to the team at Ardleigh Green for hosting. The results of SACRE's RE and art competition were shared, alongside the British Library's Sacred Texts resource and NATRE's Primary 1000 scheme. The main focus of the meeting was thinking about Ofsted 'deep dives' into RE and how teachers in Havering might answer the inspectors' questions on intent, implementation and impact of their school's RE curriculum. This was an opportunity for teachers to share ideas and good practice. Examples from outside of the borough were introduced in order to show teachers from Havering differing points of view and ways of working.

Next term's Subject Leaders' meeting will be held at Upminster Juniors on 28th April.

Professional development package for teachers

This term saw a second HSIS Curriculum Matters CPD day for RE. This day revised some key points about Ofsted and progression that were introduced on the first day. There was also a short opportunity to look through some of the first 101 reports relating to RE and analyse key messages. One delegate had recent experience of a deep dive into RE at her school so was able to feed back about this to the rest of the attendees.

The day's focus was on subject knowledge enhancement. Sessions during the day focused on Subject Leaders' knowledge of RE and the law and teaching about religion in an authentic manner. We then focused on knowledge of Christianity, Hinduism and Islam and how to teach each of these religions in line with Havering's Agreed Syllabus for RE.