



**HAVERING
STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL
ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

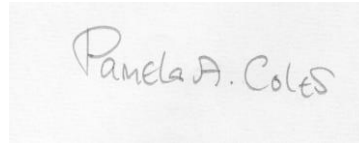
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Chair's Foreword

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I commend this report.

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(Chair of SACRE)

1. Religious Education (RE)

1.1. Standards in Religious Education

Examination results at GCSE are monitored as part of the Borough's overall monitoring of standards.

The results for 2012 GCSE courses:

GCSE full course

The proportion of Havering students achieving an A*- C and A*- G grade in the full GCSE recovered slightly in 2012 (see table below), taking the LA's figure to above the national average for A*- C and A*- G once again.

GCSE short course

In the short course GCSE, the proportion of Havering students achieving an A*- C dropped significantly in 2012, and at A*- G grade the proportion also dropped slightly. At A*- C Havering is now slightly below the national average and the gap at A*- G has narrowed (see table below).

Cohort numbers

Both locally and nationally, the trend of increasing numbers of students taking the full course, with fewer taking the short course, has continued. In Havering, the number taking the short course has declined from 1,372 to 1,015 from 2009 to 2012, whilst the full course numbers have increased from 938 to 1,413 over the same period.

		Full Course		Short Course	
		A*-C %	A*-G %	A*-C %	A*-G %
LA	2012	73.8%	99.0%	49.0%	95.9%
	2011	70.3%	98.7%	61.3%	97.4%
	2010	80.0%	99.5%	62.3%	97.9%
	Diff (11-12)	+3.5%	+0.3%	-12.3%	-1.5%
National	2012	72.5%	98.5%	50.3%	94.7%
	2011	72.1%	98.4%	50.6%	94.9%
	2010	72.1%	98.7%	52.3%	96.1%
	Diff (11-12)	+0.4 %	+0.1%	-0.3%	-0.2%
LA vs. NA	2012	+1.3%	+0.5%	-1.3%	+1.2%
	2011	-1.8%	+0.3%	+10.7%	+2.5%
	2010	+7.9%	+0.8%	+10.0%	+1.8%

1.2. Agreed Syllabus

Schools implemented the Havering Agreed Syllabus 'Pathways', (published in November 2007) in September 2008. The vast majority of Primary schools are using the new schemes of work as the basis for delivering the Agreed Syllabus. These were updated and shared with schools in September 2010. Most Secondary schools have developed their own schemes of work.

1.3. Teacher Training

Advice is provided to Primary schools through the Havering School Improvement Service (HSIS) and there are regular, well-attended meetings for Primary RE co-ordinators. In 2011/2012 this consisted of:

- An experienced trainer from The Scripture Union and members of his team, explored the teaching of Christianity with specific reference to the Havering Schemes of work.
- Daniel Hugill, secondary adviser to SACRE, shared recommendations and advice on good practice in the Primary phase using practical examples from the Annual NATRE conference.
- An experienced national trainer from RE Today Services Team, explored the teaching of Islam and Judaism with reference to the Havering Schemes of Work. Recommended activities were creative, visual, active and involved enquiry based learning.

Attendance at the RE Co-ordinators conferences remains high, varying between 25 and 30 schools represented. Where RE co-ordinators are unable to attend, all materials are electronically forwarded to those schools along with explanatory letters. This includes Independent and Special schools.

1.4. Complaints concerning RE

No formal complaints were made about religious education under the local statutory complaints procedure during 2012.

2. Collective Worship

2.1. Monitoring

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2.2. Training

There has been no training on collective worship during the year.

2.3. Determinations

There were no applications for determinations (to alter the character of collective worship for all or some pupils in a particular school) during 2012. There were a number of Freedom of Information requests throughout the year which were a nil return on applications to change the character of schools in Havering.

2.4. Complaints concerning collective worship

No formal complaints were made about collective worship under the local statutory complaints procedure during 2012.

3. Links with other agencies

3.1. National

Havering SACRE belongs to the National Association of SACREs (NASACRE). Members attend conferences and other events and report to full SACRE meetings.

3.2. Local

SACRE has links with a range of faith and secular groups in the borough. The practice of holding some SACRE meetings in schools and different places of worship continues.

4. SACRE arrangements

4.1. Meetings

SACRE holds regular meetings during the year. The meetings are well attended with good representation from the faith groups and the local Humanist Association. There is usually one meeting each term. SACRE sets its own agenda and commissions reports and updates from the Local Authority Advisers. SACRE has met three times during 2012/2013. In the spring and autumn terms the meeting was held at the Town Hall. The Summer Term meeting was held at Engayne Primary and National teaching school where SACRE members had a presentation from Robin Field, the RE leader on how Engayne Primary approaches teaching and learning in RE with practical examples of the use of technology, artefacts and the pupils' work. Mr. Field generously gave permission for materials to be shared with all Primary schools.

SACRE has received regular reports on local and national developments in RE. Topics discussed include: the National Curriculum Review currently underway, the relationship between autonomous academies and the Local Agreed Syllabus, and the effect of the English Baccalaureate on the teaching of Religious Education in secondary schools. (Is this correct now?)

4.2. Budget

SACRE has a small annual budget to cover the cost of its work which is administered by the Education Service.

4.3. Professional and administrative support

SACRE has the services of a Committee Officer from Committee Administration at each of its meetings, both to minute the meeting and to give procedural advice. The Secondary and Primary Advisers attend SACRE meetings to report on work with schools, to offer advice and to assist SACRE in carrying out its role.

4.4. Monitoring

SACRE continues to monitor standards and quality in RE, the quality of provision for collective worship and for pupils' spiritual development from any information included in the most recent OfSTED reports for primary, secondary and special schools. In addition, examination results at GCSE and A/S and A level are monitored as part of the Borough's overall monitoring and evaluation of standards.

5. The Michael Edwards Award

This annual award is presented in commemoration of the life and work of Michael Edwards, Adviser/Inspector for Religious Education in Havering, who died in 2004.

The award is made to schools which demonstrate good practice in multi-faith RE. The award alternates between primary and secondary schools and this year was open to Primary, Special and PRU schools. The successful school was Ingrebourne Special School where pupils experienced a range of different cultures and faiths through a themed art and RE week. Pupils enjoyed dance and movement and developed PSHE and social skills during assemblies. The ME Award now includes other schools such as the borough's pupil referral units and other Faith Schools to broaden its scope and be more inclusive – the way Michael Edwards would have wanted it.

MEMBERS OF SACRE

The following is a list of SACRE members and officers in attendance for the period covered by this report.

Name	Group	Representing	Joined	Left
Mr Kevin Walsh	A	Roman Catholic	22/02/2007	
Revd. Lee Sunderland	A	Jewish Community	05/03/2009	
Mrs Pamela Coles	A	Methodist	Pre 2004	
Mr Sansar Narwal	A	Sikh Community	Pre 2004	
Miss Joan Watson	A	Religious Society of Friends	26/11/2009	27/03/13
Mr Kamal Siddiqui	A	Muslim Community	05/03/2008	
Mr M Saleem	A	Muslim Community	21/10/2010	
Mr Om Dhir	A	Hindu Community	06/06/2007	
Dr John Lester	A	Baha'i Faith	10/11/2004	
Mrs Christine Seymour	A	Havering and District Humanist Society	26/11/2009	
Mrs Susan Freeman	B	Church of England	05/03/2009	
Mrs Alison Seaman	B	Church of England	07/11/2007	
Mrs Anne Masters	C	ATL	28/01/2009	
Mr Nick Hills	C	NUT - Seniors	26/11/2009	
Ms Linda Munday	C	NUT - Primary	11/01/2010	
Mr Chris Pearson	C	NASUWT	30/06/2004	
Mr Keith Shurlock	C	ASCL	05/03/2009	
Cllr Paul Rochford	D	Local Authority	09/06/2010	
Cllr Paul McGeary	D	Local Authority	09/06/2010	
Cllr Linda Trew	D	Local Authority	09/06/2010	
Cllr Damian White	D	Local Authority	09/06/2010	
Cllr Gillian Ford	D	Local Authority	11/07/2004	
Cllr Wendy Brice-Thompson		Co-opted	07/06/2010	

Advisors:

Judith Payne, Primary and Daniel Hugill, Secondary