

NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL

DATE: 7TH NOVEMBER 2019

REPORT TO: **STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

SUBJECT: **LEARNING NETWORK SCHOOLS**

A. PURPOSE

To note the dates and events for the Learning Network Schools (LNS) RE meetings for 2019-2020

B. BACKGROUND

The EAS has invested in building the capacity of schools and educational settings within the region over the last four years to enable more collaborative ways of working. This Learning Network School approach is enabling teachers and leaders to learn from each other, to try out new approaches and to engage with educational research as the backdrop for improvement. Across the region the learning networks of professional practice will continue to be encouraged and the practice shared.

The approach has recently been refined through investment in a cluster model approach. This will enable schools to build capacity and increase collective ownership for the development of effective teaching, learning and leadership. The cluster model will become the main driver to ensure the realisation of the new curriculum and the delivery of professional learning, and to support the national changes in accountability and self-evaluation.

The two EAS lead schools for LNS Religious Education for 2019-2020 are Ysgol Gwynllyw (Torfaen) and Bassaleg Comprehensive School (Newport). Schools are selected through an application and interview process. The leads will provide Professional Learning events and bespoke support to secondary schools throughout the region. The main focus of the LNS RE is GCSE, this will include the need to raise standards at ks3.

In addition to this offer the EAS Professional Learning Adviser for RE and SACREs, Paula Webber, is available to offer bespoke support both primary and secondary schools.

Places for RE practitioners and HODs at the following LNS events can be booked via the EAS CPD Online <https://www.cpdsewales.org.uk/cpd/default.asp>. Details and dates of the events are outlined in the table below:

LNS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION EVENTS

Venue Name:	Session 1&3 - Ysgol Gyfun Gwynllyw Session 2&4 - Bassaleg School
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Venue Address:	<p><u>Ysgol Gyfun Gwynllyw (Session 1&4)</u> Heol Folly Trevethin Pontypool NP4 8JD</p> <p><u>Bassaleg School (Session 2&3)</u> Forge Lane Bassaleg Newport NP10 8NF</p>
Contact Email:	<p>Paula.webber@sewaleseas.org.uk shj@gwynllyw.schoolsedu.org.uk SimmindsT2@hwbmail.net</p>
Event Tutor Name:	<p>Sian Jenkins & Tanya Simmonds</p>
Event Director:	<p>Paula Webber</p>
Is this course taught in Welsh?	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
Event Description:	<p><u>Session 1 (Gwynllyw): Wednesday the 11th of December 1-3pm – GCSE Review of Unit 1&2 /Effective Departmental Planning :</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective collaboration in the RE community (South/East Wales – to consider areas of interest / priorities and needs / Networking by sharing ideas and resources. • A review of the 2018/19 GCSE examination papers Unit 1&2 – common pitfalls/evaluation questions/where pupils did well/where pupils went wrong/Item Level Data. • Sharing good practice resources for the new GCSE specification – Unit 2. • Effective Departmental Development Plans – Presented by Georgie Bevan. • Update on Curriculum for Wales 2022 / RE Framework. <p><u>Session 2 (Bassaleg): Tuesday 21st of January 2020 2-4pm Pedagogy and assessment at GCSE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further collaboration on resources and good practice • What makes good teaching and learning in RE? • How do we deal with the heavy content – Flipped learning/assessment for learning/Skills based learning. • Effective assessment, moderation and feedback. <p><u>Session 3 (Bassaleg): Tuesday 25th of February 2020 1-3pm</u> <u>Consultation on the draft RE Framework to support Humanities AOLE in the Curriculum for Wales 2022 :</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on the RE Framework to be delivered by Paula Webber • Share RE draft Framework. • Consider a response to the consultation.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First thoughts on how to design a curriculum for RE. • Pedagogy for new and current curriculum – Consider how the new curriculum approaches could benefit current curriculum. <p><u>Session 4 (Gwynllyw): Monday the 23rd of March Revision at GCSE – Hints and Tips</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborating and sharing good examples of good practice
Event Outcomes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of GCSE 2018/19 • Increased pupil engagement • Enriched lessons with authentic learning • Collaborative approach with other schools across the cluster/range of clusters • Sharing good practice • Development of new GCSE resources • Sharing revision hints and tips • Implementing the new curriculum in KS3 • Understanding the new draft Framework for RE
Cost:	N/A
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<p>NB. It is essential that these courses are booked through the online booking service at https://www.cpdsewales.org.uk/cpd/default.asp. Course codes are:</p> <p>course codes are as follows:</p> <p><u>EAS19/452 - Session 1 (Gwynllyw): Wednesday the 11th of December 1-3pm – GCSE Review of Unit 1&2 /Effective Departmental Planning</u></p> <p><u>EAS19/453 - Session 2 (Bassaleg): Tuesday 21st of January 2020 2-4pm Pedagogy and assessment at GCSE</u></p> <p><u>EAS19/454 - Session 3 (Bassaleg)Tuesday 25th of February 2020 1-3pm Consultation on the draft RE Framework to support Humanities AOLE in the Curriculum for Wales 2022 :</u></p>	

EAS19/487 - Session 4 (Gwynllyw): Monday the 23rd of March 2-4pm
Revision at GCSE – Hints and Tips

C. RECOMMENDATION

To receive and consider the information about LNS RE meetings

To consider ways in which SACRE can support the work of LNS for RE