



CAERPHILLY STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – 9TH JUNE 2010

SUBJECT: ST GABRIEL'S TEACHERS CONFERENCE

REPORT BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform members of a recent communication from Dick Powell, Project Associate at the Culham Institute, regarding a forthcoming conference on 16th -17th October 2010.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The e-mail confirms the 10th St Gabriel's Teachers conference will be held at Wokefield Park Conference Centre, Reading on the weekend of 16th/17th October 2010. Hosting 200 primary and secondary Religious Education teachers from across the country, the conference theme is "RE for the Twenty Tens – a new curriculum context".
- 2.2 Delegates will be invited to attend seminars by RE professionals and experts in their fields and come together for plenary sessions chaired by Trevor Cooling and Dave Francis with Mark Chater (QCDA), Alan Brine (HMI), and John Keast (DfCSF consultant) available to provide their insights on the latest developments in RE and their implications for the future.
- 2.3 As well as an extensive programme of seminar options, students from the multi-cultural Holland Park School in London will introduce the conference and speak about the importance RE has for them. RE Today services will be on hand to offer support and guidance throughout the weekend and will be introducing the exciting 'Breathe' multi-sensory RE resource. There will be an opportunity to browse other RE resource materials as well as other support networks that are available for RE teachers.
- 2.4 A conference highlight is a gala dinner followed by a disco and there are many opportunities for delegates to meet and chat informally with other like-minded teachers. Wokefield Park is a BMW management training centre which shows the high standard of accommodation delegates can expect. Once selected, no charge is made to delegates or their schools apart from travel expenses.
- 2.5 Maintaining the very best in professional development for teachers, the St Gabriel's conference will provide a valuable opportunity to RE teachers to learn more about the core subject of the curriculum – Religious Education. Application forms for the conference are available from 15th March from www.culham.ac.uk/sg/weekend.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Members are asked to discuss and note the correspondence; advising Officers to take any action, if deemed appropriate.

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Appendices:
Appendix 1 Gabriel's Teachers Conference Flyer