

CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: CAERPHILLY STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

DATE: 23RD OCTOBER 2019

SUBJECT: LEARNING NETWORK SCHOOLS FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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 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 there are several well-established networks of professional practice; these 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 diagram below demonstrates how the model will operate across the region.

The two EAS lead schools for LNS RE 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 and support to secondary schools throughout the region.

Places for practitioners and HODs 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:

Session 1 (Gwynllyw): Tuesday the 22nd of October 2-4pm – GCSE Review of Unit 1&2 –

- A review of the 2017/18 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 ½
- DDPs – EAS presentation.
- Update on Curriculum development
- ‘Looking Forward’ – English and Welsh materials to be shared with everyone / sharing resource ideas.

Session 2 (Gwynllyw): Wednesday the 11th of December 2-3pm – A Level Review (Unit 2/4/5) –

- A review of the 2017/18 AS/A Level examination papers Unit 2/4/5 – common pitfalls/evaluation questions/where pupils did well/where pupils went wrong/Item Level Data.
- Sharing good practice resources
- ‘English and Welsh materials to be shared with everyone / sharing resource ideas.
- Schemes of work.
- Use of video clips.

Session 3 (Bassaleg): Tuesday the 4th of February 2-4pm – Revision Hints, Tips and Techniques –

- What makes good teaching and learning in RE?
- Sharing resources, materials and good practice – to be provided in both English and Welsh.
- Pedagogy.
- How do we deal with the heavy content – Flipped learning/assessment for learning/Skills based learning.
- The Curriculum for Wales 2022 and the RE Framework
- Sharing good practice – Revision hints and tips.
- Sharing revision resources.

Session 4 (Bassaleg): Tuesday the 17th of March – Implementing the new curriculum / Changes for KS3 -

- The Curriculum for Wales 2022 and the Humanities AoLE and RE Framework – sharing ideas for implementation
- Sharing good practice from Bassaleg School

C RECOMMENDATIONS

1. For Caerphilly SACRE to receive and consider the information about LNS RE meetings.
2. To consider ways in which SACRE can support the work of LNS for RE.