

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education
18th November 2009
Report of the Corporate Director (Children and Lifelong Learning)
Professional Development Opportunities Uptake 2008-2009

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 To update members on the uptake of professional development opportunities 2008-2009.

2 Summary

2.1 Quality Learning Services offers a central programme of professional development to teachers in Staffordshire schools on an annual basis. Members were advised of the activities proposed for the current academic year at the summer term meeting 2009. A summary of the uptake of professional development in 2008 – 2009 is attached to this paper.

3 Recommendation

3.1 That members of SACRE receive the report.

4 Background

4.1 Officers of the Staffordshire County Council School Improvement Division prepare an annual portfolio of professional development activities for teachers.

4.2 For the academic year 2008-2009 393 participants took part in the central programme for RE. This compares favourably with 389 participants in the academic year 2007-2008, particularly in view of the fact that school budgets continue to be squeezed. No courses were cancelled during the year.

4.3 Network meetings remain the most popular option. These are free to Staffordshire schools and incur no costs when teachers attend twilight sessions. Over a hundred participants attended primary networks over the year, with more than forty participants attending secondary meetings.

4.4 Schools are also able to purchase bespoke professional development to support teachers in school although this has not been a popular option in recent years. Demand for support from the Advanced Skills Teacher, Emma Senior, is rising and this is pleasing. This incurs no charge to schools, unless supply cover is needed.

4.5 The **Subject Self-evaluation Programme** is funded by the Director, Children and Lifelong Learning Directorate, and for 2008-2009 was free to schools. One half day visit was offered to RE departments in participating schools and this proved popular. 3 special, 7 middle and 14 high schools took part in 2008-2009. This initiative continues in a revised format for 2009-2010, where schools will still be offered a half day review, but at a cost of £100 per visit. This will continue to support close links with departments, providing further monitoring information for the SACRE.

5 Equal Opportunities

5.1 This report has been prepared in accordance with the County Council's policies on equal opportunities.

6 Financial implications

6.1 There are no financial implications for the SACRE.

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**Religious Education
Provisional Professional Development Opportunities
2008 - 2009**

Date	Primary/Secondary	Title	
17.09.08	Primary REN31101	Special Schools Primary Network	2
25.09.08	All REB31201	The Fourth Annual SACRE Lecture: Guest Speaker Andrew Copson	31
09.10.08	Primary REB31301	Religious Education for Teaching Assistants	27
15.10.08	Primary REB31501	Visits and Visitors in RE	27
15.10.08	Primary REN31601	Religious Education Network (Primary Strategy) Kingston	26
21.10.08	Secondary REN31401	Special Schools Secondary Network	4
22.10.08	Primary REN31602	Religious Education Network (Primary Strategy) Coton Centre	11
04.11.08	Primary REN31603	Religious Education Network (Primary Strategy) Seabridge	13
06.11.08	Secondary REN31701	Religious Education Network (Secondary Strategy) Kingston	18
11.11.08	Primary REN31604	Religious Education Network (Primary Strategy) Chasewater	8
20.11.08	Primary REB31801	Managing RE in the Primary School	18
04.12.08	Secondary REB31901	Religious Education Network for NQTs (Secondary)	5
09.12.08	Middle REN32101	Religious Education Network (Middle Schools) Kingston	6
09.12.08	Middle REB32001	Leading and Managing Religious Education in Middle Schools	4
08.01.08	Primary REN32301	Special Schools Primary Network	4
21.01.09	Primary REB32201	Getting started in RE in Staffordshire (for NQTs)	10
27.01.09	Secondary REN32401	Special Schools Secondary Network	3
29.01.09	Primary REB30901	Specially for Key Stage 1: Creative RE for Younger Pupils	15
06.03.09	All REB32501	The RE Conference 2009	36
19.03.09	REB32601	Collective Worship	5
22.04.09	Primary REN41501	Special Schools Primary Network	5
24.04.09	Secondary REB41401	Religious Education Network for NQTs (Secondary)	4
20.05.09	Primary REN41601	Religious Education Network (Primary Strategy) Kingston	11
21.05.09	Primary REB41701	Getting the best from the Staffordshire Agreed Syllabus (Primary)	19
21.05.09	Primary REN41602	Religious Education Network (Primary Strategy) Seabridge	16
03.06.09	Primary REN41604	Religious Education Network (Primary Strategy) Chasewater	6
04.06.09	Primary REN41603	Religious Education Network (Primary Strategy) Coton Centre	14
11.06.09	Secondary REN41801	Special Schools Secondary Network	3
25.06.09	Secondary REN41901	Religious Education Network (Secondary Strategy) Kingston	24
25.06.09	Secondary REB42001	Getting the best from the Staffordshire Agreed Syllabus	18
		Total	393

Schools purchasing consultancy from the Senior Adviser 2008-2009

Date	School	Activity
17.10.09	Grange Community School	Staff Meeting
24.03.09	Parkside Primary	Staff Meeting
07.05.09	Kingsfield First School	Staff Meeting
04.06.09	Five Ways Primary School	Staff Meeting
24.06.09	Perton, Sandown First School	Staff Meeting

Schools involved in the Subject Self-evaluation Support Programme 2008-2009

Abbot Beyne School
 Blackfriars Special School
 Cardinal Griffin Catholic High School
 Cheadle High School
 Christ Church CE (VA) Middle School
 Churnet View Middle School
 Codsall Middle School
 Endon High School
 Fair Oak Business and Enterprise College
 John Taylor High School
 King Edward VI High School Stafford
 Newcastle Community High School

Oldfields Hall Middle School
 Ounsdale High School
 Paget High School
 Painsley Catholic College
 Paulet High School
 Penkridge Middle School
 Perton Middle School
 Queen's Croft High School
 Ryecroft CE (C) Middle School
 The Fountains High School
 Walton Priory Middle School
 Wolstanton High School