



# R.E. Matters

*Inspiring and transforming education*

*Supporting Secondary Schools*



Exciting opportunities for continuing professional development for:  
RE leaders; Collective Worship leaders; RE teachers;  
Senior Leadership teams; HLTAs and pupils

## 2023/24



Disclaimer: The courses in this brochure are continually updated and amended, and although courses will not be significantly altered, the details enclosed in this brochure may be subject to change.

**Welcome to the twelfth edition of our brochure.**

You will find that it incorporates established and new courses as well as programmes that will run throughout 2023-2024.

**Quality assurance:**

All our programmes operate within a quality assurance framework as set out by The RE Council for England and Wales.

**Course venues:**

Will be accessible and of a high quality or school based.

**Course Support**

A full set of course notes and digital support will be available to all participants.

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School Council and PSHE  
Lead Director for England and Wales RE Hubs



# Courses

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## Advisory Prices 2022/23

With this brochure you will have received an A4 document. The document gives you the dates and prices for all the courses and training we offer for the year ahead on one page, which you can keep. At the bottom of the document there is a link for you to click on which takes you to the google form for you to fill in to take out the partnership.

### Special Offer

*Send your sign up form in before May to receive £100 off your order price*

## RE Insurance

RE Matters offers to schools a special deal around RE insurance. Should your school ever need support or advice around religion.

This insurance is a one off payment for the year ahead that covers all the time we would give your school to deal with the issue. It might be around religion and PE, music, food, dress or trips out. We will come and speak with staff and/or parents around the issue to help your school to resolve and move forward.

Cost:

£100 to partnership schools;  
£200 to non-partnership schools

# RE Network Meetings

Religious Education network meetings are run to give an opportunity to bring together RE leaders and teachers within secondary schools to meet, network and work collaboratively on projects, helping in middle manager responsibilities.

## Network Meetings will:

- Update Subject Leaders on Local and National information;
- Help Subject Leaders understand their role and responsibilities within school
- Share best practice models and examples in RE; and
- Work with outside agencies and faith groups to support schools in delivering high quality RE.

## Dates for Meetings in 2023/24

Tuesday 17th October 2023

Tuesday 30th January 2024

Tuesday 11th June 2024

Time: 4:00pm to 6:00pm

Via Zoom



I never miss them,  
informative and  
enjoyable!

Teacher

Plashet School

Cost:

Free to partnership schools;  
£150 per meeting to non-partnership schools

# CPD Support

A key finding from the Teacher Development Trusts

‘Developing Great Teachers’ review reported that subject-specific CPD is more effective, in terms of its impact on pupil outcomes, than generic pedagogic CPD. So, whether you’re looking to freshen up your RE teaching ideas or equip a new subject leader with the skills and knowledge required, here at RE Matters we have everything you and your school needs.

RE Matters has built up over the last seven years a team who can help your school develop in the following areas:

- Book monitoring and student voice;
- Model lessons in RE and P4C;
- Model Collective Worship;
- Pupil progress reviews and reports;
- A Level and GCSE masterclasses and support;
- Subject leadership support; and
- Support for non-specialist RE teachers.



## RE Matters RE Team

Lucy Still & Catriona Martin

# Visit a Place of Worship

Visit a place of worship takes place throughout the academic year. RE Matters seeks to encourage RE learning outside the classroom through supporting schools to organise visits to local places of worship.

Buying into a partnership with RE Matters ensures that your RE subject leader will receive:

- Support in planning and organising these visits throughout your school;
- Receive a database and map of over 90 local and London places of worship who are happy to receive visits from Newham schools; and
- Entry for your school's work into the Place of Worship competition.

*The database will give clear addresses, contact names, e-mail and phone details for places of worship. It will also shows which places of worship have attended faith leaders training on leading a school visit. Schools will receive this database in October 2022*



I love the fact that we can go out and visit different religious buildings and our pupils get to have first hand experiences.

Staff

Cost:

Free to partnership schools;  
£200 per meeting to non-partnership schools

# ECT Training

Training for ECT's is imperative if they are to have the knowledge and skills to teach religious education well in Newham.

## ECT training covers:

- Equip ECT's to plan lesson effectively from SOW;
- Focus on understanding the religious and cultural make up of Newham;
- Provide places to go to get their questions and issues in teaching RE answered;
- Provide high quality resources to use in RE lessons and
- Support for ECT's to become creative and thoughtful in teaching RE.

## Dates for Training

Training is bespoke to each secondary school



Today's training was awesome, so many ideas are buzzing around my head and lots of practical resources I am looking forward to using.

ECT Staff

Cost:

£150 for 1/2 day sessions to partnership schools;  
£200 for non-partnership schools.

# Tour of Places of Worship

This one day course provides staff, ECTs and HLTAs with the experience of visiting 6 different places of worship in Newham with the RE advisor. It acts as a days 'master class' in religion.

## Dates for courses in 2023/24

Wednesday 29th November 2023

Wednesday 6th March 2024

Wednesday 26th June 2024

Time: Meet at 8:45am to 5:00pm

*\*Refreshments and lunch will be provided\**



This CPD was a fantastic opportunity to develop my subject knowledge not only in religion, but in life. I would recommend this CPD to anyone with a remote interest in culture, religion or places of worship.

Newham Teacher

Cost:

£160 to partnership schools;  
£200 to non-partnership schools

# Preparing for Ofsted

RE Matters offers a number of services that can help support your school's preparation for an Ofsted Inspection such as:

- Middle leader interview preparation;
- Ofsted documentation check;
- Understanding progression in RE;
- SMSC & FBVs monitoring and impact analysis;
- Book moderation check;
- Support to middle leaders in running a lesson observation; and
- Capturing best practice examples

## Applying for a RE Quality Mark

RE Matters offers a free service to partnership schools to help them through the process of application for this national award. REQM can support excellent practice in schools.



When I had a new RE leader, having Claire to work alongside them and develop their skills in monitoring books and questioning pupils has identified our strengths and our areas to develop: such as higher order questioning for our more able pupils. Without Claire I doubt we would have identified this ourselves. I highly recommend her to you.

Newham Headteacher

## A Level & GCSE Support

Whether you want someone to come in and teach with specific students at GCSE or A Level Religious Studies, or with a class Claire Clinton is happy to support schools with their specific needs. Over many years The RE Matters team has run:

- Saturday revision schools;
- Small group intervention classes;
- Master-classes on high quality examination techniques and how to write answers to questions; and
- Revision classes.



Claire planned and delivered a 'GCSE Masterclass' to a group of students we felt could do with a confidence boost before their exams. She worked on some of the key concepts and definitions which underpin the paper when helped students revisit this important content. The students were really pleased to be selected by their teachers and got a lot out of it. The small group attention, and someone different saying the same thing can be invaluable. The students came away from the sessions full of praise for "Mrs Clinton" and felt far more positive about their upcoming exams. A few comments from students, "Her cards helped it all make sense to me!", "It was really good to do", "I enjoyed it a lot, thank you for picking me."

Mr Lewis  
St Bonaventure's RC School

# Inspiring Collective Worship

This one day course seeks to support those with school responsibilities for organising and leading Acts of Collective Worship (ACW). The day will:

- Give staff practical advice to experience a number of
- different forms of ACW;
- Time for reflection and planning;
- Knowledge of Ofsted's drive on fundamental British values, with examples of how ACW can make a valuable contribution;
- Understanding the legal requirements for ACW, school policy documents; and
- A wealth of resources shared.

## Date

Wednesday 20th March 2024

Time: 10:00am to 4:00pm

Venue: Ranelagh Primary School. Corporation Steet, Stratford, E15 3DN

*\*Refreshments and lunch will be provided\**



An inspiring day, I now feel confident to start to lead in my new role and develop Collective Worship in my school.

Staff  
Newham School

Cost:  
£100 to partnership schools;  
£160 to non-partnership schools

# Staff & Pupil Wellbeing Sessions

Claire Clinton and Lucy Still (AHT at Plashet School) lead these sessions which are proving popular with schools across Newham. Sessions or lessons can focus on staff or on pupils or a combination of both. Our work with schools is bespoke. The sessions last from 1 hour to 1.5 hours.

## **Session 1: Why staff wellbeing is important**

This twilight will give staff an understanding of the pressures encountered in their work life and how these play out. It will give staff practical activities they use in their lives to ensure they can live their life in education well, but learn how to switch off.

## **Session 2: Successful strategies to enable pupil wellbeing**

This twilight will give staff understanding and experience of successful strategies that work for pupils to help them become more emotionally resilient.

## **Session 3: Modelling Stilling**

This lesson would model for teachers how to work well with pupils to help them become more emotionally resilient and enhance their well being. This in turn supports pupils to be able to engage with their learning effectively in schools.

Cost per session:

£220 to partnership schools;  
£250 to non-partnership schools

# Student RE Matters

Student RE Matters has been running in Newham for over 15 years now. It is known nationally for the innovative work it has produced on faith, religion and young people. Student RE Matters gives students the opportunity of developing leadership skills through the time that they attend.

Student RE Matters provides schools with the opportunity to:

- **Promote dialogue** between young people of differing religions and worldviews and cultures, supporting collaborative work and
- **Contribute to community benefit**, as it seeks to develop young people's skills in understanding their concerns and provides a place for them to learn to become a initiator and developer of solutions

Student RE Matters exists to give Newham students a place where they can discuss spiritual and moral issues which are important to them. Learn more about religions and world views. Every schools has the opportunity to elect or send in total eight students representatives from year 8-10, and a member of staff who can be developed in their teaching of RE. It is hoped that these students will represent differing religious and world views groups within each school.

Student RE Matters members elect their own executive to work alongside our advisor team in planning their own programme as well as attending adult SACRE meeting to represent young people.

## Dates for meetings 2023/24

Tuesday 3rd October 2023  
Tuesday 21st November 2023  
Tuesday 23rd January 2024  
Tuesday 5th March 2024  
Tuesday 30th April 2024  
Tuesday 4th June 2024



SACRE allows us to unite and work together as representing Newham rather than just ourselves or our own schools on issues that are important to young people.

I enjoy learning about other religions, and what other religions teach about topics. I get so much from this personally.

Cost per conference:  
£200 per annum to partnership schools  
£300 to non-partnership schools

# Booking & Cancellation Procedures

To book onto any course or project please contact Georgina Neil at RE Matters on [georgina.neil@rematters.co.uk](mailto:georgina.neil@rematters.co.uk)

## Payment and Cancellation Procedure

Once a course or training has been booked with RE Matters a confirmation e-mail will be sent to the school. An invoice will be sent to the school after the training/course has been completed.

In the case of cancellation the following charges will be applied:

24 hours or less notice of cancellation - Full cost of course  
25-72 hours notice of cancellation - 60% of full course fee  
3-5 days notice of cancellation - 40% of full course fee



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