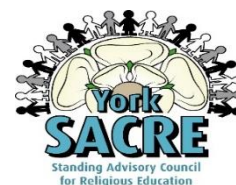




# City of York SACRE Annual Report 2021-22



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## 1. Introduction

### Foreword by the Chair of SACRE

The 2021-22 academic year has provided members of York SACRE with opportunities for learning and development. A feature of the year has been to be able to hold face to face meetings at two of the city's schools, giving non-teaching members a chance to experience the environment in which RE is taught. During these meetings, we have had presentations from teacher representatives, from the humanist member of SACRE, and from a Buddhist representative, who we expect to be joining SACRE as a member of Group A in 2022-23.

In the year, the number serving teachers who are members of SACRE increased, adding an important direct link to the work that we are developing to improve the monitoring of the quality of RE in York.

During 2021-22, a new Agreed Syllabus was prepared and presented to schools; teachers have welcomed the new Syllabus and have also made many positive comments about the supporting materials provided by RE Today. Some changes to the schools survey this year are being used to update and improve the priorities for further professional development for RE teachers as part of the SACRE Development Plan for 2022-24.

Besides being a learning and development year for York's SACRE, 2021-22 also saw a review of the Council's constitution, and SACRE's place as a statutory body was clearly articulated within this. York SACRE's terms of reference were refreshed and revised with support from the Council's democratic services team. This process has clarified chairing responsibilities for SACRE, allocating this to the Executive member for Children's Services and Education. Following a change in Executive member appointments in May 2022, SACRE welcomed Cllr Andrew Waller as the new Chair of SACRE.

To function effectively, SACRE relies on the contributions of individual members and the supporting work done by our officers; I want to thank all concerned for helping to make this year successful. I have enjoyed my time as Chair of York's SACRE and hope to remain an active and committed member of this body.

Cllr Ian Cuthbertson

Chair of City of York SACRE - September 2021 to May 2022

## Meeting and Attendance 2021-22

City of York SACRE met four times in the academic year 2021-22

5<sup>th</sup> October 2021

5<sup>th</sup> January 2022

30<sup>th</sup> March 2022

22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022

During the academic year 2021-22 City of York SACRE met in a combination of remote and face to face meetings

The attendance, by Committee, is set out below:-

Committee	5 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2021	5 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	30 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2022
Committee A Representing Other Denominations / Faith Communities	5	4	2	3
Committee B Representing the Church of England	2	1	0	1
Committee C Representing teachers	1	2	2	2
Committee D Representing City of York Council	3	4	4	3
LA Officer	1	1	1	1
Total	12	12	9 (Inquorate)	10

All meetings, apart from the March meeting, were quorate however there are a number of vacancies and efforts are being made to fill the vacancies.

A focus on the SACRE development plan, a report from the Local Authority officer (including a focus on standards) and a report on national NASACRE and RE professional organisations updates are standing items at each meeting

## **2. RE ( statutory responsibilities)**

### **Locally agreed syllabus**

There are 19 primary, 2 secondary and 1 special maintained schools who follow the City of York Locally Agreed Syllabus

There are 25 primary, 4 secondary and 1 special academies who have adopted the City of York Locally Agreed Syllabus

Separate regulations covering maintained special schools require them to ensure that as far as practicable every pupil receives opportunities to explore RE. The City of York Agreed Syllabus 2021-2026 includes specific guidance and support for Special Schools. Special Schools use the City of York Locally Agreed Syllabus, at least partially, and adapt it to meet the needs of the pupils.

### **Standards and monitoring of RE**

Due to the impact of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, City of York SACRE has been limited in its ability to actively monitor standards in RE across the York schools. There were 6 inspections of York Schools between September 2021 and July 2022. Five primary schools were inspected and one secondary school. The Ofsted reports for 5 out of the 6 schools make no direct reference to Religious Education. York SACRE has considered how it can develop its monitoring of standards in R.E. in the future as the monitoring of R.E. through Ofsted reports is not providing detailed information about the quality of R.E.

In 2022 national exams returned for the first time since 2019. Validated data is currently unavailable but will be presented to SACRE in January 2023.

City of York SACRE developed and approved a monitoring questionnaire in the academic year 2020-21 and this was circulated to schools in September 2021. In 2021 responses were received from a limited number of schools and SACRE has considered how the questionnaire can be further developed in 2022-23 to increase the number of responses to inform both the monitoring of R.E. in schools and also to inform the SACRE development plan.

### **Key Stage 4 results**

KS4 outcomes remain strong in comparison to schools nationally. Annex 1 provides an overview of the KS4 results. At the time of writing the KS5 results were unavailable.

### **Teaching training and materials and advice for schools**

City of York SACRE supports the NATRE local group for primary RE teachers and a NATRE local group for secondary teachers set up following the launch of the locally agreed syllabus in May 2021.

City of York SACRE received no formal complaints regarding RE provision in the academic -year 2021-22.

### **3. Collective Worship**

Besides Religious Education each local authority must work with its SACRE to monitor the provision of daily collective worship. As a result of changes to the Ofsted framework and in the absence of further guidance, the City of York SACRE published guidance in 2017 to support Collective Worship in schools in the City, which it continues to promote within schools. The guidance is available on the City of York SACRE website ([www.york.gov.uk/sacre](http://www.york.gov.uk/sacre)).

Schools may apply to SACRE for a determination in order to provide Collective Worship of a non-Christian or other form. As in previous years, no determinations were requested by schools.

There were no complaints registered with City of York SACRE in 2021/2022 in respect of collective worship. Updating City of York guidance on Collective Worship has been identified as a development point for City of York SACRE.

### **4. Links with other bodies**

City of York SACRE is a member of the National Association of SACREs (NASACRE). Through the year SACRE members were informed of developments in RE from NASACRE, The National Association of Teachers of RE (NATRE) and The Religious Education Council of England and Wales (REC). The Professional RE Adviser attended the Summer 2022 NASACRE conference and reported back to members.

City of York SACRE has a long- standing relationship with York Interfaith Group. York Interfaith Group have set up a mechanism to support visits and visitors to York schools.

City of York SACRE supports the York Holocaust Memorial Day event. This event took place in January 2022.

During the Academic year 2021-22 City of York SACRE commissioned some specialist RE adviser support from Olivia Seymour, Diocese of York. This support focused on supporting the work of SACRE meetings, training for SACRE members and reporting on regional and national updates .

### **5. City of York SACRE's own arrangements**

During the academic year 2021-22 City of York SACRE continued its close relationship with City of York Council's Democratic Services. In autumn 2021 Democratic Services, in consultation with City of York SACRE, finalised the process of reviewing the constitution and it was approved by members. This has led to the role of SACRE being clarified within the Council's constitution and has enhanced the visibility of SACRE.

Structures and processes to enable members to monitor RE have been identified as priorities for 2022-23.

An officer in the Local Authority's Democratic Services Section acts as Clerk to SACRE.

In addition, the Director of Governance provides professional support and advice to SACRE, principally on matters of governance and matters relating to the work of the Council and its Committees.

The people who serve on York SACRE are invited to do so by the Corporate Director of Children's Services and Education on the recommendation of various bodies in the local community with a concern for the religious education of school children. The law prescribes that there have to be four "committees" each comprising representatives of specified groups. The current SACRE is constituted as follows:-

**Committee A - Representing Other Denominations / Faith Communities:-**

Kate Bailey joined March 2021 (Catholic)

Karen Vincent joined August 2022 (Catholic)

Ben Rich (Jewish)

Keith Albans (Methodist)

Iman Abid Salik (Muslim)

Tracey Copestake resigned autumn term 2020 Deborah Evans joined March 2021

(Religious Society of Friends)

Vacant (Salvation Army)

Vacant (Sikh)

Daryoush Mazloun (York Baha'i Community)

Penny Coppin-Siddall (The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints)

Ian Hodgson (Humanist)

**Committee B - Representing the Church of England:-**

Olivia Seymour (Diocese of York)

Katherine Harper (Archbishop Holgate's CE Academy)

**Committee C - Representing Teachers:-**

Andy Todd (Ralph Butterfield)

Taco Michiels (Joseph Rowntree)

**Committee D - Representing the City of York Council are Councillors:-**

Ian Cuthbertson (Lib Dem)

Martin Rowley (Con)

Chris Cullwick (Lib Dem)

Fiona Fitzpatrick (Lab)

Andrew Waller (Lib Dem) appointed May 2022

**In attendance:-**

Maxine Squire (Education Adviser)

Angela Bielby (Clerk)

## Finance – annual budget

York's SACRE is assigned an annual budget of £3,500. A summary of spend in 2021-22 is shown in the table below:

Item		Total Spend
NASACRE annual membership fee for 2021-22		£105.00
Specialist RE adviser commissioned from Diocese of York		£1,400
Conference fees		£30.00
<b>Total spend 2021-22</b>		<b>£1,535</b>

## Appendix

Annex 1: KS4 results 2022

Annex 2: Development Plan, 2022-23

## Circulation

This report is circulated to

- NASACRE
- DfE
- City of York Council Children, Education and Communities Scrutiny
- City of York schools
- SACRE members representative bodies

## Annex 1

### Key Stage 4

#### Subject: Religious Studies (4610) / Exam: GCSE (9-1) Full Course (391)

QAN: 60184000																			
Est. No.	Centre	NOR	NOE	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	Q	U	X	9-5	9-4	9-1	Avg Pts
-	National (All Schools)	650500	111870	10.2	12.1	13.3	17.3	13.9	10.2	11.1	6.4	3.5	0.1	1.4	0.6	66.8	77.0	98.0	4.8
-	National (State Funded)	587650	103800	8.7	11.4	12.9	17.5	14.4	10.7	11.7	6.8	3.7	0.1	1.4	0.7	64.9	75.6	97.8	4.7
-	LA (State Funded)	1907	979	14.1	14.1	15.4	17.5	13.0	9.5	8.5	4.9	1.7	-	0.7	0.6	74.1	83.6	98.7	4.8

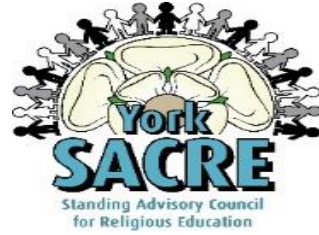
#### Subject: Religious Studies (4610) / Exam: GCSE (9-1) Short Course (394)

QAN: 60188807																			
Est. No.	Centre	NOR	NOE	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	Q	U	X				Avg Pts
-	National (All Schools)	650500	3230	10.2	9.2	11.2	12.8	11.2	10.4	13.1	9.7	5.9	0.3	4.7	1.2				0.0
-	National (State Funded)	587650	2870	6.8	8.1	11.2	13.6	11.8	11.2	14.2	10.6	6.4	0.3	4.6	1.1				0.0
-	LA (State Funded)	1907	9	-	-	-	-	33.3	22.2	11.1	22.2	11.1	-	-	-				0.0



## Annex 2

### York SACRE – DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2022-2024



The York SACRE development plan is shaped around the five key functions of SACRES contained in the NASACRE Self-Evaluation Toolkit. These are:

1. To improve the management of SACRE and build the partnership between SACRE and other Key Stakeholders
2. Promoting improvement in the standards, quality of teaching and provision in RE
3. Evaluating the effectiveness of the Locally Agreed Syllabus
4. Promoting improvement in the provision and quality of collective worship
5. Contributing to cohesion across the community and the promotion of social and racial harmony

York SACRE has begun a programme of self-evaluation activity using the NASACRE self-evaluation tool that underpins identified priorities.

## City Of York SACRE: Development Plan 2022 – 2024

<b>Priority 1 and 5: Improve the management of SACRE and build the partnership between SACRE and other Key Stakeholders; Contributing to cohesion across the community and the promotion of social and racial harmony</b>						
<b>Target: Raise awareness of and support for the work of City of York SACRE and RE as a subject</b>						
<b>Intended Impact: The work of SACRE is more visible in the City of York</b>						
Actions	Timescale	People involved	Success Criteria	R	A	G
Increase the profile of SACRE in the community: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attend governor forums</li> <li>• Profiles of SACRE members on website</li> <li>• Regular newsletters</li> </ul>	Autumn 2022	Members of SACRE Clerk to SACRE	All York schools and local and wider community aware of the role of SACRE			
Continue to review the membership of SACRE to ensure that it continues to represent all significant Faith groups in York and to increase the number of teachers	On-going	Members of SACRE	SACRE membership includes all significant Faith groups in York and increased number of teachers			
Support the Interfaith logo competition	Autumn 2022	Chair of SACRE LA Adviser support SACRE Members of SACRE	Schools have a better understanding of the work of Interfaith York			
Establish links with existing youth voice groups e.g. York Youth Council Access for All Show me that I matter	On-going	Chair of SACRE LA Adviser support SACRE	The voice of children and young people informs the work of SACRE			

<b>Priority 2: Promoting improvement in the standards, quality of teaching and provision in RE</b>						
<b>Target: R.E. teachers are provided with high quality professional development which meets their needs and supports the delivery of the agreed syllabus</b>						
<b>Intended Impact: The quality of R.E. teaching in the City of York is consistently good or better</b>						
Actions	Timescale	People Involved	Success Criteria	R	A	G
Commission a programme of CPD to support the implementation of the Agreed Syllabus	2022-24	Members of SACRE RE Adviser to SACRE LA adviser to SACRE	95% of evaluations from CPD events are good and better.			

			Take up for CPD increases.			
Re-establish secondary network meetings	Autumn 2022	RE Adviser to SACRE LA adviser to SACRE	At least 60% of schools attend network meetings			

<b>Priority 3 and 4: Evaluating the effectiveness of the Locally Agreed Syllabus and Promoting improvement in the provision and quality of collective worship</b>						
<b>Target: SACRE has an improved understanding of the provision of RE in York schools</b>						
<b>Intended Impact: York schools are compliant in meeting the statutory requirements for Religious Education</b>						
Action	Timescale	People involved	Success Criteria	R	A	G
SACRE will have an annual programme of reports from RE subject leads	2022-23 2023-24	SACRE members Primary and secondary RE subject leads	SACRE has an improved understanding of RE provision in schools			
Collate all contact details for RE leads in primary and secondary schools	September 2022 September 2023 September 2024	LA Adviser to SACRE	SACRE has an updated directory of school contacts to improve communication with schools			
School visits planned to share good practice and take feedback from schools to inform the work of SACRE. Widen the number of SACRE members who undertake school visits. This can include virtual visits and schools focus group opportunities.	2022-23  2023-24	SACRE members RE adviser to SACRE LA adviser to SACRE	Programme of visits/online meeting opportunities planned and agreed at SACRE board. Visit reports evaluated to identify support needs and actions for schools and SACRE			