

## Briefing Paper for the Vale of Glamorgan SACRE/SAC Members, Summer 2025

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### 1. Resources

[Creigiau Primary School: Designing our RVE curriculum](#)

RVE resources on Hwb - [link](#)

- Module One: early Years
- Module Two: Primary
- Module Three: Secondary
- Module Four: Additional Learning Needs (ALN)
- Module Five: Headteachers
- Module Six: Governors

[Resources to support developing religion, values and ethics](#) - CSC resources for RVE now accessible via Hwb as well.

Church in Wales Education website - [link](#)

Catholic Education Service – Wales - [link](#)

RCT Beliefs/Religion Census 2021 Data - [link](#)

A level Religious Studies Journal ‘free’ - [link](#) / [link](#)

St. Giles’ Centre free resources for RE/RVE/RS - [link](#)

CSCJES RVE Resources - [link](#)

CSCJES Daily Act of Collective Worship (DACW) Resources – [link](#)

CSCJES Primary Humanities Network area – RVE files - [link](#)

CSCJES Secondary RE/RS/RVE Network area – files - [link](#)

### 2. CSCJES Professional Learning

There is a new [Professional Learning and Support Compendium 2024-2025](#) has been produced and published.

- [Primary Humanities Curriculum Design](#) – Focus ‘RVE’ – 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025, 9:00-15:00, in person, in the Valleys Innovation Centre, Abercynon

Network Meeting

- [Secondary GCSE RS Network Meeting](#) – New GCSE focus – 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025, 9:00am-15:00, in person, in the Valleys Innovation Centre, Abercynon

Additional collaborative working parties are facilitated in addition to these meetings. Please contact [Donna.Graves@cscjes.org.uk](mailto:Donna.Graves@cscjes.org.uk) to find out about these.

### 3. CSCJES Bespoke Support for RVE/RE/RS/ DACW and Spirituality

CSCJES continue to offer bespoke support for schools/settings within the local authority. Schools can request via their Improvement Partner (IP)/Principal Improvement Partner (PIP), the LA education team or by emailing the Associate Advisor:

[Donna.Graves@cscjes.org.uk](mailto:Donna.Graves@cscjes.org.uk)

### 4. Qualifications

#### A. Vale of Glamorgan SACRE/SAC Survey for current and future qualifications and curriculum – Years 10 and 11

#### B. WJEC

WJEC GCSE Religious Studies Newsletter Summer 2025. [Link](#)

[WJEC GCSE Religious Studies](#)

[Newsletter – April 2025](#)

#### [New qualification Professional Learning](#)

In February, March and April Religious Studies Professional learning events took place throughout Wales as part of the preparation for the first teaching of the new qualification GCSE Religious Studies. In the summer term two pre-recorded

‘walk-through’ presentations will be made available on-line for students; one to support students with the new style examination and the other to support students with the new NEA. There will be a further PL event in the Autumn term

‘Preparing to Assess’ which will provide further support to centres. The new specification, SAMs, and guidance for teaching are all available on the WJEC website. An updated resources list will be added in the summer term, along with a reference guide including all references from the new specification.

#### [Entry Pathways – Humanities](#)

Entry Pathways Humanities is a qualification that allows learners to achieve credit for their work across units drawn from History, Geography and Religious Studies, with assessment criteria designed to complement the WJEC GCSE qualifications in these subjects. Centres can select units that are drawn from one or more of these subjects to allow those candidates who may not be able to display a successful outcome at GCSE to achieve an Award, Certificate or Diploma in Humanities at Entry Level 2 or Entry Level 3. For further information about the Entry Pathways Humanities qualification, please see the subject page (Entry Pathways Humanities) on <https://qualifications.wales/regulation-reform/reforming/national-14-16-qualifications/national-qualifications-foundation/entry-pathway>.

#### [WJEC Resources GCSE Religious Studies](#)



A reminder to explore the Digital Resources Site available on the WJEC web site to find helpful resources, often student-centred and highly interactive. There are a wide range of resources to support the current GCSE Religious Studies available on <https://resources.wjec.co.uk>, many of which will remain relevant for the new Religious Studies GCSE qualification. In addition, new blended learning materials are being added to support the teaching and learning for the new qualification, and all of these additional resources will be provided in an editable format.

#### New Humanism resources

'Human Nature, Human Potential' is a new animation exploring humanism, from Understanding Humanism. This resource explores questions at the heart of humanism: 'What are we?', 'What are we capable of?' and 'How should we make best use of our capacities?'. Accompanied by resources, it will support teachers in illustrating a humanist approach to life.

This is a message from Canterbury Christ Church University and Metropolitan University for every teacher in Wales to encourage you to share your experience. It is so important to understand the experience of teachers and we would love to hear your experience in a new piece of important research. Canterbury Christ Church University and Cardiff Metropolitan University are doing a large-scale survey for a research project, Cultivating Deeper Interdisciplinary Dialogue. We're particularly interested in any conversations you are having about teaching for sustainability and climate change.

We are particularly interested in the experience of RVE teachers and we would love for as many secondary RVE teachers as possible to complete the survey. We are interested in the conversations you have about what you teach, whether that's chats with other RVE teachers, or conversations with science teachers. The survey should take less than 10 minutes. We would really love it if you could get some friends at school to do it too. Any secondary teacher can complete it.

Links to Welsh and English versions of the survey are below:

Welsh [https://cardiffmet.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_efKqY7HFjHJfp4](https://cardiffmet.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_efKqY7HFjHJfp4)

English [https://cardiffmet.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_7ar0VuH51heB8Fg](https://cardiffmet.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_7ar0VuH51heB8Fg)

Thank you so much.

Professor Bob Bowie, Dr Mary Woolley and Dr Tom Breeze

Link to 'legacy' Religious Studies resources (some still applicable for the new GCSE RS – Sept. 2025)  
<https://resources-legacy.wjec.co.uk/Pages/ResourceByArgs.aspx?subId=26&lvlId=0>

#### Made-for-Wales Digital Resources now available!

Following a period of intense development, we are delighted to announce the launch of our new [Digital Resources website](#) to support our new Made-for-Wales qualifications.

This new bilingual website has been developed by our Digital Resources Team, based on feedback gathered from teachers and learners from across Wales.

**WJEC New GCSE RS Options Evening Flyer - [download link](#)**

## Key Dates and Examinations Timetable - [link](#)

### Summer 2025 WJEC RS Examinations

#### GCSE

- **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May pm** - Religious Studies (WALES) Unit 1 (Option A – Option F)
- **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June pm** – Religious Studies (WALES) Unit 2 (Option A – Option E)
- **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June pm** - Religious Studies (WALES) Unit 3

#### AS and A2

- **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May am** - Religious Studies (WALES) AS Unit 1 (options A to F)
- **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May am** - Religious Studies (WALES) AS Unit 2
- **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June pm** - Religious Studies (WALES) A2 Unit 6
- **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June pm** - Religious Studies (WALES) A2 Unit 4
- **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June am** - Religious Studies (WALES) A2 Unit 5

#### To come in the summer term ...

In summer term, we will be publishing **Exam Walk-Throughs** and **NEA Walk-Throughs**. Based on our popular EWT and NEAWT resources for learners, these materials will guide you/learners through each Sample Assessment, highlighting the expectations of the exam papers/NEA briefs, how they will be marked and top tips for preparation.

Note that these will only be available for teachers on WJEC's secure Portal website initially.

#### Wider qualifications for level 2 learners

- 2024-2025 – year 10 both course available to register
- 2025-2026 – year 10 both courses available to register
- 2026-2027 – year 10 – both courses available to register
- 2027-2028 – year 10 – NO NCFE Equality and Diversity, uncertain whether centres in Wales will be able to register for Agored Cymru Exploring Worldviews, as the wider Skills Suite – Skills for Life is first for teaching from Sept 2027.

#### C. Agored Cymru

- Last registration will be 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2027 and certificates awarded up to 2029 (for England – waiting for clarification for Wales centres).

#### D. NCFE Equality and Diversity

- NCFE – Equality and Diversity qualifications – last registration 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2026; certificates last award 2028.

## 5. Youth Voice for RVE/RE/RS and SACRE/SAC

Membership – Llantwit Major Comprehensive are representatives for the Vale of Glamorgan schools/settings. An additional place for another school to be involved. The next meeting is for the summer term on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2025, 9.30am-11.30am, via TEAMS.

## 6. WASACRE

RVE practitioners survey:

### Prosiect Llais yr Athro: CGM yn y Cwricwlwm i Gymru

Fel y gwyddoch, mae Cymdeithas CYSAGau Cymru / CYSau Cymru (CCYSAGauC) yn cefnogi arolwg ymchwil ar-lein pwysig sydd â'r nod o gael mynediad at safbwyntiau athrawon ar CGM yn y Cwricwlwm i Gymru. Rydym yn rhagweld y bydd canfyddiadau'r arolwg o ddiddordeb yn lleol ac yn genedlaethol drwy gynyddu ein dealltwriaeth a'n cefnogaeth i athrawon yng Nghymru yn ystod y cam hwn o gyflwyno'r cwricwlwm.

Byddem yn ddiolchgar pe gallech ein helpu i ddosbarthu'r arolwg ymchwil ar-lein hwn i athrawon yn eich ysgolion a'ch lleoliadau, gan gynnig y cyfle iddynt gymryd rhan yn wirfoddol.

Rhaid i gyfranogwyr fod yn ymarferwyr sy'n addysgu yng Nghymru (o fewn cyd-destun ysgol neu leoliad 3 i 16 oed). Mae hyn yn cynnwys athrawon yn yr ysgolion a'r lleoliadau canlynol: Meithrin, Cynradd, Uwchradd, Ysgol Pob Oed, Arbennig, ac Unedau Cyfeirio Disgyblion.

#### FRESIWN CYMRAEG:

<https://app.onlinesurveys.jisc.ac.uk/s/bishopg/the-teacher-voice-project-rve-in-the-curriculum-for-wales-dupli>

### The Teacher Voice Project: RVE in the Curriculum for Wales

As you know, the Wales Association of SACREs / SACs (WASACRE) is supporting an important online research survey which aims to access teachers' perspectives on RVE in the Curriculum for Wales. We anticipate that the survey findings will be of interest both locally and nationally through increasing our understanding and support of teachers in Wales during this stage of curriculum roll-out.

We would be grateful if you could help us distribute this online research survey to teachers in your schools and settings, offering them the opportunity to voluntarily participate.

Participants must be practitioners teaching in Wales (within a 3- to 16-year school or setting context). This includes teachers in the following schools and settings: Nursery, Primary, Secondary, All-age School, Special, and PRU.

#### ENGLISH VERSION:

<https://app.onlinesurveys.jisc.ac.uk/s/bishopg/the-teacher-voice-project-rve-in-the-curriculum-for-wales>





Bydd canfyddiadau cyffredinol yr arolwg yn cael eu rhannu gyda chi mewn adroddiad arolwg maes o law. Bydd hefyd amrywiaeth o gyhoeddiadau proffesiynol ac academiaidd eraill yn deillio o'r arolwg.

**Dyddiad cau - 21 Gorffennaf 2025**

Overall findings from the survey will be shared with you in a survey report in due course. There will also be a range of other professional and academic publications emerging from the survey.

**Closing Date - 21 July 2025**

## 7. The Vale of Glamorgan's' beliefs/religion/worldviews Census 2021 Data – [link](#)

## 8. Training and resources for SACRE/SAC Members

WASACRE

<https://wasacre.org.uk/wasacre-conference-2024/>

- **Seminar 1 - An introduction to SAC / SACRE: What do you need to know?**  
Donna Graves & Hayley Jones Password: WASACRE01
- **Seminar 2 - What does RVE look like in the early years setting?**  
Sue Hughes & Libby Jones Password: WASACRE02
- **Seminar 3 - Developing empathy through story in the nursery setting**  
Phil Lord Password: WASACRE03
- **Seminar 4 - Approaching RVE planning: Having regard to the RVE Guidance**  
Libby Jones Password: WASACRE04
- **Seminar 6 (25.06.24) - Progression in RVE: a secondary perspective**  
Sioned Owen & Libby Jones Password: WASACRE06
- **Seminar 7 (09.07.24) - Progression in RVE: a primary perspective**  
Jennie Downes & Libby Jones Password: WASACRE07
- **Seminar 8 (16.07.24) - Objective, critical and pluralistic RVE**  
Liz Thomas & Beccie Morteo Password: WASACRE08

- **Seminar 9 (17.09.24)- Non-religious philosophical convictions in RVE: a professional dialogue**  
Libby Jones & Amira Mattar      Password: WASACRE09
- **Seminar 10 (24.09.24) - RVE in Special Schools**  
Bhupinder Lace & Libby Jones      Password: WASACRE10

#### NASACRE:

<https://nasacre.org.uk/training-and-support/presentations-recordings/>

#### Presentations and recordings of previous sessions:

**10 October 2024, 7-8pm: Funding for SACREs to work with pupils in RE – applying for and gaining a Westhill/NASACRE award**

- **Presentation**
- **Link** to recorded session. Passcode: geV\*a5ox

**24 September 2024, 6.30-8pm: So, you've joined your local SACRE...**

- **Presentation**
- **Link** to recorded session. Passcode: aP@esn6+

**13 July 2023, 6:30-7:30pm: SACRE annual report analysis conversation**

- **Presentation**

**15 March 2022, 7-8pm: Self-evaluation of your SACRE**

- **Presentation**
- **Breakout room extract**
- **Scenario**
- **Link** to recorded session.

**7 October 2021, 7-8pm: New SACRE annual report template**

- **Presentation**
- **Link** to recorded session.



