



**Meeting Record**  
**Agreed Syllabus Conference**  
**Meeting held on Thursday 6 July 2017 at 5.00 pm at The Cripps Conference Centre,**  
**Northampton School For Boys**

**Present:** Cambridgeshire SACRE: Julia Ewans (Chair)  
 Janet Scott

Northamptonshire SACRE: Justine Davies  
 Doug Spenceley

**Apologies:** Northamptonshire SACRE: Wendy Brackenbury

Peterborough SACRE: Sukaina Manji  
 Philip Davies

Cambridgeshire SACRE Shirley Hall

**Non Attendance:** Cambridgeshire SACRE Becky Ford

Northamptonshire SACRE Harkirat Singh

Peterborough SACRE Ian Forsyth  
 Nick Sandford

Adviser: Amanda Fitton

Clerk: Mrs Jane Hall.

| Topic                               | Key Discussion Points   | Action |
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| <b>1. Welcome and introductions</b> | The Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting and introductions were made |        |
| <b>2. Apologies</b>                 | Please see above.   |        |
| <b>3. Declaration of Interest</b>   | There were no declaration of interest of items on the Agenda            |        |

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| <p><b>4. Minutes of the meeting held on 7 June 2017</b></p> | <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 7 June were agreed as a true copy and signed by the Chair.</p>  |  |
| <p><b>5. Matters Arising</b></p>                            | <p>Amanda Fitton reported that the progression document had been received for Sikhism from Harikirat Singh, and this was circulated to those present and that the Buddhism one was still to come.</p> <p><b>Rutland SACRE Meeting Report – AF</b></p> <p>Amanda Fitton informed the members that the following comments were made at the recent Rutland SACRE meeting by a member on the ASC Framework:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He did not like KS2 as he felt it was too hard. It was pointed out to him that RE needed to follow other curriculum areas in depth and difficulty. He also queried the approach to KS2 and was told that through religious literacy there was the need to know the similarities and differences and understand every religion and different forms of Christianity.</li> <li>• He stated that it should be GCSE RS and not GCSE RE. The Chair reported that if this was the practicing definition it would be changed. Discussion took place on this and it was agreed to put “GCSE and other courses” and not change ‘RE’ to RS as the exams are under the premise of RE and the Agreed syllabus.</li> <li>• He noted that under the Islam progression document it stated under “weddings” that wedding vows were said in the Mosque and stated that this should not be done in the Mosque and was unacceptable in an exam. Amanda Fitton reported that the person that wrote this was a practicing Muslim who had seen it done. The Chair stated that this was something that the various Muslim Representatives on the SACREs needed to sort out.</li> <li>• He asked what the understanding of AD BC was and stated that it should BC DC.</li> <li>• He was upset by some of the spellings and that stated there should be proper spellings. Amanda Fitton pointed out to him that the document would be proof read. With regards to the reference to “proper spellings” Doug Spenceley pointed out that there were different spellings for instance for the Curan and how this was practiced in the Syllabus and that there were a range of spellings that were acceptable and somebody needed to gather this information. He also questioned what standing this had vis a vis with GCSE markers. Amanda Fitton stressed the need to get this right. Justine Davies reported that with OCR the only</li> </ul> |  |

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|                              | <p>text book she had was Islam and that there was no marking scheme or examiner report. Discussion took place on this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He said that Humanism was a religion and Amanda Fitton informed that he was wrong.</li> </ul> <p>The Chair asked if there were any comments from any of the other LAs. Peterborough were fine with what was being done and Cambridgeshire were happy with what was being done.</p> <p>The Chair reported that Virginia would send something on the Bahai faith to put into the Guidance.</p> <p>Amanda Fitton reported that the other thing that David Sharpe wanted to know was what the definition of the 6 major religions were. Discussion took place on this. The Chair suggested that looking at the footnote which she read out that this could be put in bigger letters.</p>  |                     |
| <p><b>6. Framework</b></p>   | <p>Amanda Fitton reported that the Framework had not changed a lot from the last time and confirmed that they were on version 4. As there was some confusion on what version was being looked at Amanda Fitton reported that she would put everything into a zip folder and send this to Jane Hall to send out to everybody on Monday 10 July 2017.</p> <p>Amanda Fitton reported that she would be doing Religious Literacy over the holidays and was waiting for the policy from America and she had also got another book on SN and RE Education and would be doing parts of this as well.</p> <p>The Chair asked whether it would helpful to go through the document reading it out loud to see what it sounded like. The members agreed to do this.</p> <p>The Chair read out the sections of the Framework document and amended them in line with the suggestions made. It was agreed that the title should be “The Aims of the Syllabus for the Pupils” and that the Chair would tidy up the document to reflect the changes and would email this to Jane Hall and Kerri McCourty.</p> <p>Amanda Fitton asked whether the members were happy for her to put the Framework documents into a powerpoint for teachers next week. This was agreed by the members.</p> <p>Amanda Fitton reported that when sending out the draft document she would put in a form for teachers to email back to her with any changes they wanted to make.</p> | <p>AF</p> <p>AF</p> |
| <p><b>7. Progression</b></p> | <p>Discussed above.</p>   |                     |

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| <b>8. Curriculum</b>                               | Amanda Fitton reported that she had already got some topics and would send these out in the zip folder.  |           |
| <b>9. Assessment</b>                               | Amanda Fitton reported that the assessments for KS1 and KS2 had been done and needed to be proof read. The members were happy for these to be used by schools. At the beginning of September Amanda Fitton would send these out. | <b>AF</b> |
| <b>10. Any Other Business</b>                      | There was no any other business.   |           |
| <b>11. Date, location and time of next meeting</b> | The following two dates were put forward for the next meeting.<br><br>Thursday 14 September 2017 at 5.00 pm – 7.00 pm<br>Thursday 21 September 2017 at 5.00 pm – 7.00 pm<br><br>One of these would be confirmed.                 |           |

**The meeting ended at 7.00 pm**

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