

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE KINGSTON UPON THAMES  
STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION [SACRE]  
FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2006-2007 (SEPTEMBER 2006 TO AUGUST 2007)**

**INTRODUCTION BY THE CHAIR OF THE SACRE, MARIA JAMES**

*For the Kingston SACRE, 2006/07 has been a year of hellos and farewells:*

farewell to: Margaret Dean who represented the Diocese of Guildford on the SACRE for 17 years, to Pauline Williams representative from the Diocese of Southwark, to Gurmeet Narula Singh of the Kingston Sikh Association, to Lisa Peirce of Holy Cross School who represented the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark, and to Colin Powell, School Improvement Inspector, who supported our meetings during a two-year secondment from headship of Malden Parochial School and has now been appointed Primary Adviser for the Diocese of Southwark.

A warm welcome to: Jenny Titterton who joins the SACRE to represent the Diocese of Southwark from Alexandra Infants School where she has been a headteacher for 17 years, to Neil D'Aguiar, RE teacher at Richard Challoner School, representing the Archdiocese of Southwark, to Mrs Amarjit Kaur Channi representing the Kingston Sikh Association, and to Rachel Boxer, a consultant working for the Diocese of Guildford, attending our meetings pending a formal appointment. We look forward to welcoming, in the autumn term, Annette Kelly, a newly appointed Adviser within the Directorate of Learning and Children's Services, who will be advising our meetings and who has come to us with a background on the SACRE of another Royal Borough – Kensington and Chelsea.

Hello, too, to the Revised Agreed Syllabus for 2007-12 ! which formally replaces the 2002-07 RE Syllabus on 1 September 2007. 2006/07 has seen the culmination and fruition of all the hard work and creativity described in last year's annual report – with the launch of the Agreed Syllabus in January (for which a review working group has been meeting since December 2004), and the SACRE / Inter Faith Forum (IFF) sixth form conference held in February (which a joint working group has been planning since May last year). Reports on the Syllabus launch and sixth form conference are included inside but I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who joined me on these working group members: Diana Brotherston, Cathy Davie, Councillor Dennis Doe, Beryl Mooney, Sydney Assor (IFF), Reverend Stan Brown (IFF), Graham Mann-Smith and Fleur Standring (IFF) and for a particularly outstanding contribution by Marilyn Mason who served on both working groups - not only coordinating the Youth Conference (producing excellent resources for the event) but also undertaking proof reading of the Revised Syllabus!

Self evaluation has been a theme of the year, with the SACRE undertaking self evaluation of its progress on each of the action areas in its 5 year development plan, and with schools moving from a regime of detailed Ofsted inspection towards self evaluation. Guidance had been sent to schools on how to undertake self evaluation in RE to meet the responsibility to provide evidence to senior managers for the school's self-evaluation form (SEF). At our November meeting we received a report on the feedback from 21 schools which had sent in a copy of their self evaluation documents or filled in the annual SACRE feedback form. We were impressed by the high level of professionalism of RE teachers in the borough – but a little concerned about the variability between schools of provision of, for example, training opportunities. We hope the new Southwest London School Effectiveness Partnership system will increase access to RE training for our teachers.

While we have been working hard locally, we have also kept our eye on the wider picture for RE too, with Cathy Davie attending a national workshop on 'Strong SACREs, good RE' and Councillor Dennis Doe giving us a lively account of the May AGM of the National Association of SACREs – both of which have given us plenty of big ideas to consider for the year ahead, not least of which will be the implications for our work of the National Strategy for RE.

**MARIA JAMES**  
CHAIR

## SACRE WEBSITE

The Kingston SACRE web page provides access to a variety of our documents including:

- ❖ RE Syllabus
- ❖ Databank of Places of Worship
- ❖ Transcript of Annual Lectures
- ❖ Access to the agenda and Minutes of SACRE meetings
- ❖ SACRE information leaflet and Parents' Leaflet
- ❖ Annual Reports
- ❖ Collective Worship Determination Scheme
- ❖ RBK Self Evaluation guidance and AREIAC self evaluation toolkit
- ❖ Links to 10 key RE websites and 12 SMSC websites
- ❖ Inter Faith dialogue resources

View the website at: <http://www.kingston.gov.uk/education/sacre.htm>

## STATEMENT BY THE DIRECTOR OF LEARNING AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES

The SACRE has during the year met its statutory requirements and added value to the development of RE in Kingston.

In particular, I was very pleased to accompany the Chair, Maria James, in welcoming the Mayor, and the Executive Member for Education, and over 30 RE colleagues to the launch of the Revised Agreed Syllabus for RE at the King Charles Centre in January. The hard work of the SACRE and officers of the Council have resulted in an RE Syllabus which should serve RBK schools well for the next 5 years – but there is no room for complacency and we will keep under review how the changes 'bed in' and be alert to the changing environment nationally in which RE will have a growing role within the Government's community cohesion agenda.

Inter faith dialogue and promotion of social and racial harmony have become key areas for development in RE. I was delighted that the joint SACRE and the Kingston Inter Faith Forum sixth form conference 'Life, death, war, peace, politics, money, sex, values, faith – whatever...' which was held in February at the King's Centre, Chessington, was widely judged to have been a success and a potential model for similar projects in schools. The Kingston Inter Faith Forum are keen to offer multi faith panels of speakers to visit schools, as they have been doing with considerable success at Tiffin Boys School, and I would encourage colleagues to take the Forum up on this offer.

**Patrick Leeson**, Director of Learning and Children's Services.

## COMPLAINTS

The SACRE has not received any complaints on either the agreed syllabus or collective worship.

## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

There have been no requests for determinations (that is, to lift the statutory requirement that collective worship be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character).

## RE EXAMINATION RESULTS

Details of results for each school can be found at **Appendix C**. We are pleased with the 2.6% increase in the proportion of Yr 11 taking RE and the increase in full RE GCSE A-C grades. We regret that several of our schools have submitted few, if any, RE exam entries and we look forward to future development of RE at those schools.

## ANNUAL SACRE LECTURE 2008

On **Wednesday 18 June 2008** (6pm for 6.30pm) **Dr Trevor Cooling** will deliver the 8<sup>th</sup> SACRE annual lecture on 'Teaching – a Religious Vocation?' at the Guildhall, Kingston. Dr Cooling is Director of the 'Transforming Lives' project at The Stapleford Centre, an institute which promotes Christian development in education through publications, research and training. He is author of 'A Christian Vision for State Education' (SPCK).

## MEETINGS OF THE SACRE

The Kingston upon Thames SACRE met on three occasions between September 2006 and August 2007. We continued our tradition of meeting in different education and faith locations across the borough (as well as in the Guildhall, Kingston), enjoying the warm hospitality this year of the Kingston Mosque and holding our Syllabus launch at the King Charles Education Resource centre in Surbiton and our sixth form conference at the King's Centre, Chessington (home of the Chessington Evangelical Church).

The following topics were discussed at our meetings:

- Annual Report for 2005/6 including school examination results
- The review of and the revisions to the RE Agreed Syllabus (to be implemented from September 2007)
- Planning and evaluation reports on the joint SACRE/IFF sixth form conference 28/2/07
- Report on the annual feedback from the schools' RE self evaluation for 2006
- QCA pilot new annual report format
- Members' reports on attending:
  - NASACRE/QCA national workshop 1/11/06 and report on findings 'Strong SACREs, Good RE'
  - NASACRE AGM 8/5/07 including the role of the RE Council and National RE Strategy
- RE at Dysart special school
- Morning reflections at The Hollyfield School
- Collective Worship guidance
- Self evaluation of each action area of the SACRE development plan using the NASACRE/ QCA self evaluation tool
- Termly updates on progress against the Development Plan
- Termly notes of Kingston Inter Faith Forum and joint visit to the British Library 'Sacred' exhibition
- Summaries of SMSC grades in 'Section 5' OFSTED reports
- Global Arts multi faith artwork for tour of schools
- Briefings on 'Every Child Matters Outcomes', the Southwest London Schools Effectiveness Partnership (to deliver CPD for teachers), and RE training attendance.

*Minutes and agendas of SACRE meetings can be found on the Kingston Council website at: [www.kingston.gov.uk/council\\_and\\_democracy.committeeminutes.htm](http://www.kingston.gov.uk/council_and_democracy.committeeminutes.htm)*

## NATIONAL BODIES

We continued to be a member of the National Association of SACREs (NASACRE) and have benefited from their conferences, newsletters, website and advice. We have maintained contact with the Qualifications & Curriculum Authority (QCA) and the National Association of Teachers of RE (NATRE).

## LAUNCH OF REVISED SYLLABUS

Following Executive approval in June 2006 of the revisions to the RE Agreed Syllabus, the Revised Syllabus was formally launched for the RE teachers of the borough on 31 January 2007, for implementation from September 2007. The launch event was very well attended by RE teachers, SACRE members and others, and featured an inspirational mix of music, dance, artwork, reflective presentations by pupils, and interviews with RE professionals from primary, secondary and special schools.

The Syllabus has been presented in attractive ring-binders with plastic wallets to hold CDROMS with Schemes of Work for Key Stages 1&2 or KS3. SACRE would like to thank the King Charles Education Resource Centre, particularly Rosemary Montague, for the excellent production and efficient circulation to schools of these binders, and to Colin Powell, former School Inspector in the Directorate of Learning & Children's Services, for his supervision of the launch and production.

The key changes to the Syllabus include:

- a reduction in content at Key Stage 2, by deferring work on Buddhism and Sikhism to Key Stage 3;
- the development of Key Stage 3, with more flexibility and supporting resources (schemes of work for 14 of the units);
- an opportunity for flexible, cross curricular 'themed days' in Year 5;
- new units' on rules / responsibilities for the last term of Year 6 to bridge the transition to the secondary school;
- Guidance from the National Framework for RE on: the Foundation Stage; assessment of learning; the contribution that RE can make to Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural development; and the recommendation that there are opportunities for all pupils to study other religious traditions and secular philosophies, such as humanism;
- 'I Can' statements for pupil self evaluation.

## **INTER FAITH AND COMMUNITY LINKS**

### **SIXTH FORM CONFERENCE**

On 28 February 2007 a half-day conference entitled 'Life, Death, War, Peace, Politics, Money, Sex, Values, Faith – Whatever' was held at the King's Centre, Chessington, hosted jointly by Kingston SACRE and Kingston Inter Faith Forum (KIFF), attended by over 70 local sixth formers and teachers from Coombe Girls, Holy Cross, Marymount International, Richard Challoner and Tiffin Boys and also providing opportunity for Youth Council members to facilitate working groups of their peers.

The conference was chaired by the Mayor of the Borough, Councillor Mary Reid, and included a 'Question Time' chaired by Ed Davey MP, with a multi faith panel answering students' questions. The panellists were Reverend Lesley Charlton (Christian), Imam Shahid Hussain (Muslim) the Venerable Phrakru Samu Lom (Buddhist); Charanjit Singh Makan (Sikh) Marilyn Mason (Humanist) and Rabbi Danny Rich (Jewish; Chair of Kingston Inter Faith Forum). The event was funded from the Faith Communities Capacity Building Fund (grant provided from the Government Department for Communities and Local Government Cohesion and Faiths Unit) which promotes inter faith dialogue.

The event had been planned by a joint working group of SACRE and IFF members chaired by Reverend Stan Brown (Vice Chair of KIFF and Ecumenical Chaplain of Kingston University) and co-ordinated by Marilyn Mason.

Resources from the Conference are available to view on the website.  
[http://www.kingston.gov.uk/browse/education/schools/information\\_for\\_school\\_staff/sacre/inter\\_faith\\_dialogue.htm](http://www.kingston.gov.uk/browse/education/schools/information_for_school_staff/sacre/inter_faith_dialogue.htm)

The Co-ordinator's report on the Conference included a summary of the evaluation sheets and feedback post-its which had been provided to students and conference participants. The overall evaluation was very positive, with one finding being that the young people would have liked to have been given even more discussion time during the morning.

SACRE members felt that this has been an exciting and worthwhile project. Although it was difficult to 'follow up' such an event (which had a

buzz from being a boroughwide event), Diversity and Dialogue resources have been sent to schools to explain the aims of inter faith dialogue, together with Inter Faith Forum contact details, so that schools could consider organising their own multi faith panel visits. Youth Capital and Youth Opportunities grant would be available (via Youth Services) if young people applied for it to organise similar events for themselves.

The SACRE would like to thank all the students who participated in the event with such enthusiasm and flair, and all those who had been involved in the planning of the event: Marilyn Mason, the working group, the school teachers (Neil D'Aguiar, Annah Langan, Helen O'Sullivan, Andrea Waugh-Lucas and Ellen Ziriati), and the SACRE and IFF members who helped on the day, including Gerald Cohen, Durdana Dean, Bob Shaw and Hamida Syed and officers: Graham Mann-Smith and Vicki Hutton (Youth Services) Marian Morrison and Jean Cousens (Democratic Services and Partnership) and the staff at the King's Centre, Chessington.

The Conference has been included within the national publication of case studies accompanying the report of the Commission for Integration and Cohesion 'Our Shared Future' as an example of good practice in inter faith dialogue.

### **LOCAL FAITH COMMUNITIES**

We have maintained links with local places of worship to which we send our annual report and an invitation to the annual lecture, together with a form to update contact details for our databank of places of worship. During 2007/08 we will join a working group with the Inter Faith Forum to present the databank information in a handy leaflet for the public.

We greatly enjoyed our visit to Kingston Mosque in March and would like to thank the imams and members of the mosque, in particular Mr Rashid Laher, for their hospitality in organising this visit.

We look forward to our visit to Kingston, Surbiton & District Synagogue for our meeting on Tuesday 29 April 2008.

**MEMBERSHIP OF THE SACRE (September 2006 – August 2007)****Christian and Other Religious Denominations**

Mrs Maria James (Chair)	Local Evangelical Churches
Mrs Amarjit Kaur Channi (from July 2007)	the local Sikh Community
Mr Gerald Cohen	the local Jewish Community
Mr Neil D'Aguiar (from March 2007)	Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark
Mrs Beryl Mooney	Kingston and District Free Churches
Mr. Dayasharan Patel	the local Hindu Community
Mrs Hamida Syed	the local Muslim Community

**The Church of England**

Ms Rachel Boxer (from March 2007)	consultant for Diocese of Guildford
Mrs Cathy Davie	Southwark Diocesan Board of Education
Miss Jenny Titterton (from March 2007)	Diocese of Southwark
Mrs Pauline Williams (to November 2006)	Diocese of Southwark

**Teachers' Associations**

Miss Diana Brotherston	Fern Hill Primary School
Ms Jennifer Rickards	Malden Manor Primary & Nursery School
Mr Bob Shaw	St Philip's School
Ms Ellen Ziriati	Coombe Girls' School

**Local Education Authority**

Councillor Dennis Doe (Vice Chair)  
 Councillor Ian Reid  
 Councillor Yogan Yoganathan

**Co-opted Members**

Mr Simon Birch	the local Baha'i community
Mrs E Jayne	Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)
Ms H Stephens	Schools Christian Worker
Mrs M Mason	British Humanist Association

**OFFICERS SUPPORTING THE SACRE**

During this academic year, the SACRE received professional advice from Colin Powell, Associate Headteacher & School Improvement Inspector, Directorate of Learning and Children's Services, Nick Whitfield, Assistant Director of Learning and Children's Services, Keith Field, Consultant RE Adviser, and Jean Cousens, Democratic Support Officer (clerk to the SACRE).

**DISTRIBUTION****APPENDIX B**

- SACRE Members
  - Heads of RE / RE Subject Leaders in the borough
  - Director and Assistant Director of Learning & Children's Services
  - Qualifications and Curriculum Authority
  - Local places of worship on databank
  - Borough Deans
  - Richard, Bishop of Kingston
  - Union of Muslim Organisations of UK
  - Free Church Education Unit
  - Network of Sikh Organisations
  - St Mary's School of Education
  - Dean of Education, Kingston University
  - RBK Executive Member for Children and Young People's Services and copies in political Group Offices at RB Kingston and Members' Room
  - Governing Bodies & Headteachers
  - RBK Adviser for Continuing Professional Development
  - NASACRE
  - Chair and Vice Chairs of the Kingston Inter Faith Forum
  - Kingston Racial Equality Council
  - Archdiocese of Southwark
  - Board of Deputies of British Jews
  - British Evangelical Council
  - Institute of Tamil Culture
  - Culham Institute
  - Roehampton Institute of HE
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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION EXAMINATION ACHIEVEMENTS

## Post 16 studies completed in 2007 (2006 figures in brackets)

End of Post 16 Studies 2007: achievements at GCE A Level (2006 Post 16 Students in brackets)							
School	Entries	A	B	C	D	E	A-E
Coombe Boys							
Coombe Girls	4(12)	2(3)	0(4)	2(1)	0(4)		4(12)
Chessington CC							
Hollyfield							
Holy Cross	12(7)	4(0)	3(4)	3(1)	2(2)		12(7)
Richard Challoner	3(0)	1(0)		2(0)			3(0)
Southborough							
Tiffin	(1)		(1)				(1)
Tiffin Girls							
Tolworth Girls	6(5)		2(2)	2(3)		2(0)	6(5)
Total LEA	25(25)	7(3)	5(11)	9(5)	2(6)	2(0)	25(25)

End of Post 16 Studies 2007: achievements at GCE AS Level (2006 Post 16 Students in brackets)							
School	Entries	A	B	C	D	E	A-E
Coombe Boys							
Coombe Girls	8(11)	(1)	1(2)	3(3)	1(2)	1(2)	6(10)
Chessington CC	1(0)						0(0)
Hollyfield							
Holy Cross	(1)					(1)	(1)
Richard Challoner	1(1)		(1)		1(0)		1 (1)
Southborough							
Tiffin	(1)			(1)	(0)		(1)
Tiffin Girls							
Tolworth Girls	1(1)			(1)	)		(1)
Total LEA	11(15)	(1)	1(3)	3(5)	2(2)	1(3)	7(14)

## Students in first year of Post 16 Studies: Achievement at GCE AS Level in 2006

GCE AS Level : First Year of Post 16 Studies 2007							
School	Entries	A	B	C	D	E	A-E
Coombe Boys							
Coombe Girls	14	5	2	3	3		13
Chessington CC							
Hollyfield							
Holy Cross	9	4	2		1	1	8
Richard Challoner	3	3					3
Southborough							
Tiffin	36	11	17	7			35
Tiffin Girls							
Tolworth Girls	13	2	3	4	4		13
Total LEA	75	25	24	14	8	1	72

## Key Stage 4 studies completed in 2007 (provisional)

(2006 figures shown in brackets).

GCSE full course												
School	Entries	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	A*-C	A*-G
Coombe Boys	1(0)									1	0	0
Coombe Girls	17 (0)	2 (0)	10 (0)	1 (0)	3 (0)	(0)	1(0)	(0)	(0)		16 (0)	17 (0)
Chessington CC	13 (0)		1 (0)	10 (0)		2					11 (0)	13 (0)
Hollyfield	2 (0)				2 (0)						2 (0)	2 (0)
Holy Cross	114 (116)	3 (5)	16 (21)	35 (32)	30 (37)	22 (14)	7 (7)				85 (94)	114 (116)
Richard Challoner	104(100)	5 (1)	20(12)	43(28)	22(25)	5(29)	5(1)	4(2)	0(1)	0(1)	90 (66)	104(99)
Southborough	0 (0)											
Tiffin	22 (15)	6 (2)	7 (8)	7 (3)	2 (2)						22 (15)	22 (15)
Tiffin Girls	0 (2)	(1)	(1)								0 (2)	0 (2)
Tolworth Girls	16 (16)	2 (1)	6 (7)	3 (4)	3 (1)	2 (3)					14 (13)	16 (16)
<b>Total LEA</b>	<b>289 (249)</b>	<b>18 (10)</b>	<b>61 (49)</b>	<b>99 (67)</b>	<b>62 (65)</b>	<b>31 (46)</b>	<b>13 (8)</b>	<b>4 (2)</b>	<b>0 (1)</b>	<b>1 (1)</b>	<b>240 (191)</b>	<b>288 (248)</b>

GCSE short course												
School	Entries	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	A*-C	A*-G	
Coombe Boys												
Coombe Girls	79(60)	4(2)	16(18)	18(18)	18(12)	11(7)	6(3)	6		56(50)	79(60)	
Chessington CC	12(13)		(0)	1(1)	4(6)	3(5)	3(0)	1 (1)		5(7)	12(12)	
Hollyfield	176(137)	8 (6)	28 (14)	37 (26)	42 (32)	19 (21)	20 (21)	15 (6)	6 (9)	115 (78)	175 (135)	
Holy Cross												
Richard Challoner												
Southborough	24(61)	0(6)	0(10)	5(17)	5(20)	6(6)	6(2)	1 (0)	1(0)	10(53)	24(61)	
Tiffin	123(126)	16(48)	35(49)	53(25)	15(3)	4(1)				119(125)	123(126)	
Tiffin Girls												
Tolworth Girls	1(0)			1 (0)						1 (0)	1 (0)	
<b>Total LEA</b>	<b>414 (397)</b>	<b>28 (62)</b>	<b>79 (91)</b>	<b>114 (87)</b>	<b>84 (73)</b>	<b>43 (40)</b>	<b>35 (26)</b>	<b>23 (7)</b>	<b>7 (9)</b>	<b>306 (313)</b>	<b>414 (395)</b>	

Pre GCSE Course: Entry Level Qualification Band C (a pre GCSE course)				
School	Entries	3	2	1
Holy Cross	24(16)	15(10)	9(4)	(2)
Richard Challoner	10(11)	10(8)	(3)	
<b>Total</b>	<b>34(26)</b>	<b>25(18)</b>	<b>9(7)</b>	<b>0(2)</b>

<b>Total Yr 11</b>	<b>1549 (provisional)</b>	<b>(1480)</b>
<b>Total taking RE Course</b>	<b>738</b>	<b>(673)</b>
<b>% taking RE course</b>	<b>47.6%</b>	<b>(45%)</b>

- For Key Stage 4 studies, examinations are mostly taken at the end of Year 11, but some pupils take a short course in Year 10 and these results are held over for reporting until the end of the Year 11.
- For Post 16 Studies, examinations are reported at the end of the time of study.  
If a student who has taken an RE AS level in Year 12 does not continue with the subject for a further year to complete the full A level course in RE (but does stay on to complete A levels in other subjects), the results of the student's RE AS level taken in Year 12 will be held over and reported at the end of the student's Post 16 Studies.