

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education
10th July 2013

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of People

The SACRE Awards and the SACRE Lecture

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 To report on the SACRE Awards and the SACRE Lecture 2013.

2 Summary

2.1 The SACRE Awards are held annually to celebrate achievement in RE.

2.2 The SACRE Lecture is held annually as an opportunity to discuss an issue of relevance to teachers of RE.

3 Recommendation

3.1 That members of SACRE receive the report and make any recommendations regarding these two SACRE initiatives

4 Background

4.1 At the last meeting members were alerted to the dwindling numbers of schools being involved in these two initiatives. With the current educational backdrop and the changing nature of schools and education communication with schools has become more of a challenge.

4.2 Members are reminded that the core aim of the SACRE is to support RE and the teachers delivering it so in order to attract our key audience we will need to plan a programme that they will find relevant and useful.

4.3 Seven nominations for SACRE Awards were received from schools across Staffordshire. Due to this small number and following discussion with the Chair of SACRE, the SACRE awards will be presented immediately following the SACRE meeting on the 10th July. The benefits of this arrangement are that the awards properly reflect their original aim as members of SACRE will be present to mingle with and congratulate nominees, and will be on hand to present awards to recipients. The costs of the awards are also kept down allowing for more of the SACRE budget to be used for supporting school improvement which will directly benefit pupils in our schools. The programme for the awards is:

The SACRE Awards 2013

16:00-16:30 Light buffet and opportunity for SACRE members to meet award nominees.

16:30-17:00 SACRE Awards presented in a simple ceremony

4.4 At the last meeting members discussed at length the issue of attracting more teachers to the SACRE lecture and issues concerning timings and venue. It was decided to aim for the primary audience, who it was agreed had not been specifically catered for in recent years, through approaching Gill Vaisey. Gill Vaisey is an Early Years RE specialist and owns her own publishing company. She will be speaking 4-6pm on the 17th September here at the Kingston Centre. The SACRE lecture is already proving to be very popular than ever with 15 bookings to date.

5 Equal Opportunities

5.1 This report has been prepared in accordance with the County Council's policies on equal opportunities.

6 Financial implications

6.1 The cost of the Awards and the cost of the Lecture will be met from the SACRE budget.

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