

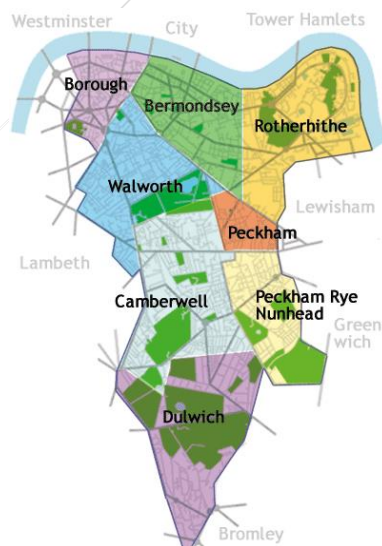


SOUTHWARK STANDING ADVISORY  
COUNCIL  
on  
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

(Southwark SACRE)

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2018-2019



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## **Foreword by the Chair of SACRE**

It has been another successful year for Southwark SACRE which has continued to work well to monitor and advise on Religious Education and Collective Worship within the Local Authority.

**James Lewis**

**Chair of Southwark SACRE**

## **1. Introduction**

SACREs have responsibility for advising a Local Authority (LA) on religious education and collective worship in its schools. The main purpose of the annual report is to hold the LA to account, by informing the Secretary of State and key partners what advice SACRE gave the LA during the year and how that was responded to; this includes advice on RE and Collective Worship in those schools for which the LA has responsibility. (Taken from NASACRE website information).

The reporting period for this report is 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019.

## **2. Meetings**

In the academic year 2018-2019 Southwark SACRE meetings were arranged on the following occasions:

16th November 2018 at Southwark Council London SE1 2QH

21st March 2019 at Southwark Council London SE1 2QH

15<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at Southwark Council London SE1 2QH

## **3. Advice to Statutory Bodies**

### **3.1 Local Authority**

Southwark SACRE advised the Council that the Current Agreed Syllabus needed to be renewed and requested a budget for this process to begin.

The Southwark school's website was revamped during the year and the Council link member, Mr Lee Souter was asked to put SACRE documents onto the new website at [www.schools.southwark.gov.uk](http://www.schools.southwark.gov.uk).

SACRE decided to run a competition for schools and give an award for excellent religious education. They requested that this award could be part of the Southwark school's awards for excellence evening. This was declined because the evening had a very full programme. The competition was run and the Chair and RE consultant went to the winning school to present the award. The previous Council link member went to the Head Teachers breakfast meetings and spoke about SACRE and the competition.

### **3.2 Schools**

Throughout the year advice is given by telephone and email to teachers and head teachers who request this. Several requests for the Southwark Agreed syllabus units of work were made.

At the beginning of each term a news sheet is sent out to the Coordinators with information on the RE meetings and any other bits of news and information that will be useful to them. Three RE network meetings were held at the Council Offices and these included discussions on ways to teach about God, various Festival ideas, the Understanding Christianity project and sharing information on useful websites for schools to use.

A questionnaire to teachers to ascertain how the current syllabus is being used and what teachers would like to see in a new syllabus was sent out in September 2016 and much time was taken up during the year discussing what the teachers would like to see in a new Syllabus.

The RE Consultant informed teachers of a website [www.reconsultant.co.uk](http://www.reconsultant.co.uk) which has information for Southwark teachers on it as well as the Southwark schools website.

The Award for Excellent RE was launched at the January meeting with the theme of 'What is Peace?' The award was won by Dulwich Wood Primary school who sent in various pieces of poetry and prose and put on a special collective worship for the Chair and RE Consultant. They received a prize of a certificate, some Jewish artefacts and a book on using artefacts to enhance RE lessons.

The school website checking, which started in Autumn 2015 continued during the year and is a useful way to monitor the level of RE in schools.

### **3.3 Government**

SACRE discussed the RE Commission and were encouraged to write in with evidence

## **4. Provision for and standards in Religious Education**

### **4.1 Locally Agreed Syllabus**

At the Summer meeting SACRE had two presentations, from Newham and RE Today Services, regarding their syllabus. The committee discussed the presentations and what was on offer and decided to allow the teachers to choose which they liked at the Autumn RE coordinators meeting. (The teachers chose the Newham Syllabus, and this will be worked on and reported in the next Annual Report)

No formal complaints about religious education were received this year.

### **4.2 Standards in Religious Education:**

With the increased number of Academies, it is difficult to ascertain the level of specialist RE teachers in Southwark schools and monitoring of the quality of religious education.

Monitoring of quality and standards of education has been done through the RE Coordinators at the network meetings. Monitoring is also done through the websites of schools with each member of SACRE taking 4 or 5 schools to look at.

### **4.3 Exam data**

Eleven schools entered pupils into the full course GCSE and nine of these entered the majority of the cohort. 68.4% of entrants in Southwark were awarded grades 9-5, 80.8% were awarded grades 9-4.

## Full Course GCSE results for Southwark Schools and Academies 2019

GCSE 2019													No. of Entries	% Strong	% Standard	
School	DfE No.	KS4 Cohort	GCSE Religious Studies 2019 : Grade Outcomes (No.)													
			9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U				
Ark All Saints Academy	2E+06	112	8	12	9	17	17	12	21	11	4	0	111	56.8%	67.6%	
Ark Globe Academy	2E+06	113											0	-	-	
Ark Walworth Academy	2E+06	165											0	-	-	
Bacon's College	2E+06	167	8	9	22	28	26	17	25	10	4	2	151	61.6%	72.8%	
The Charter School North Dulwich	2E+06	168											0	-	-	
City of London Academy (Southwark)	2E+06	234											0	-	-	
Compass School Southwark	2E+06	56											0	-	-	
Harris Academy Bermondsey	2E+06	130	18	18	17	15	17	18	14	9	0	0	126	67.5%	81.7%	
Harris Academy Peckham	2E+06	102	4	6	9	5	5	3	9	2	1	0	44	65.9%	72.7%	
Harris Boys' Academy East Dulwich	2E+06	137	1	2	1	1	3	1	3	1	0	0	13	61.5%	69.2%	
Harris Girls' Academy East Dulwich	2E+06	134											0	-	-	
Kingsdale Foundation School	2E+06	239	4	6	26	39	46	41	30	14	3	1	210	57.6%	77.1%	
Notre Dame Roman Catholic Girls' School	2E+06	116	12	17	11	22	18	10	8	0	0	0	98	81.6%	91.8%	
Sacred Heart Catholic School	2E+06	134	19	17	23	23	20	11	8	7	2	0	130	78.5%	86.9%	
St Michael's Catholic College	2E+06	128	7	16	13	24	23	22	12	10	0	1	128	64.8%	82.0%	
St Saviour's and St Olave's Church of England School	2E+06	123	19	25	25	20	13	10	5	5	0	0	122	83.6%	91.8%	
The St Thomas the Apostle College	2E+06	113	16	13	14	20	9	8	9	4	0	0	93	77.4%	86.0%	
University Academy of Engineering South Bank	2E+06	99											0	-	-	
Highshore School	2E+06	15											0	-	-	
Newlands Academy	2E+06	14											0	-	-	
Spa School, Bermondsey	2E+06	14											0	-	-	
Tuke School	2E+06	5											0	-	-	
<b>Southwark LA</b>		<b>210</b>	<b>2509</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1226</b>	<b>68.4%</b>	<b>80.8%</b>

Note:

1. The above figures are based on revised pupil level data and reports on schools with an end of KS4 cohort

2. The values reported under the Southwark LA total may not equal the sum of the individual school values as a consequence of how the DfE processes the results for some pupils - i.e., included at school level but not LA level and vice versa.

## Full Course GCSE summary of entries

	2019	2018	2017	2016
Number entered in Southwark	1226	1059	1298	1423
National Number entered	227913	237862	258436	252022

## A level results for Southwark schools and Academies 2019

Following the national trend, entries for the AS level were again reduced. In 2019, a higher number of pupils in Southwark schools entered for A level RS than in the previous year.

<b>A Level 2019</b>										
<b>School</b>	<b>DfE No.</b>	<b>level Cohor</b>	<b>Level Religious Studies 2019 : Grade Outcomes (</b>							<b>of Entri</b>
			<b>A*</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>U</b>	
<b>Ark Globe Academy</b>	2E+06	39								0
<b>Ark Walworth Academy</b>	2E+06	45								0
<b>Bacon's College</b>	2E+06	61	0	0	3	0	3	1	0	7
<b>The Charter School North Dulwich</b>	2E+06	161	1	3	1	2	1	0	0	8
<b>City of London Academy (Southwark)</b>	2E+06	152	0	3	2	1	4	2	0	12
<b>Harris Academy Bermondsey</b>	2E+06	35								0
<b>Harris Academy Peckham</b>	2E+06	2								0
<b>Harris Boys' Academy East Dulwich</b>	2E+06	24								0
<b>Harris Girls' Academy East Dulwich</b>	2E+06	62	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	5
<b>Kingsdale Foundation School</b>	2E+06	85								0
<b>Sacred Heart Catholic School</b>	2E+06	75	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	4
<b>St Michael's Catholic College</b>	2E+06	77	0	0	4	2	3	0	0	9
<b>St Saviour's and St Olave's Church of E</b>	2E+06	71	0	6	5	6	1	0	0	18
<b>The St Thomas the Apostle College</b>	2E+06	66	0	1	4	3	0	0	0	8
<b>University Academy of Engineering Sou</b>	2E+06	9								0
<b>Highshore School</b>	2E+06	0								0
<b>Spa School, Bermondsey</b>	2E+06	0								0
<b>Tuke School</b>	2E+06	0								0
<b>Southwark LA</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>71</b>

Notes

1. The above figures are based on revised pupil level data and reports only on schools with an end of KS5 cohort

### A level summary of entries

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Number entered in Southwark</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>88</b>
<b>National Number Entered</b>	<b>19406</b>	<b>16280</b>	<b>21289</b>	<b>22079</b>

\*The above figures for 2018 is based on provisional data contained in the DfE September 2018 (performance) tables checking exercise dataset

### AS level results for Southwark schools and Academies 2019

**AS Level 2019**

School	DfE No.	Religious Studies 2019 : Grade Outcome						of Entries
		A	B	C	D	E	U	
Ark Globe Academy	2E+06							
Ark Walworth Academy	2E+06							
Bacon's College	2E+06	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
The Charter School North Dulwich	2E+06							
City of London Academy (Southwark)	2E+06							
Harris Academy Bermondsey	2E+06							
Harris Academy Peckham	2E+06							
Harris Boys' Academy East Dulwich	2E+06							
Harris Girls' Academy East Dulwich	2E+06							
Kingsdale Foundation School	2E+06							
Sacred Heart Catholic School	2E+06							
St Michael's Catholic College	2E+06							
St Saviour's and St Olave's Church of England	2E+06	1	1	0	4	1	1	8
The St Thomas the Apostle College	2E+06							
University Academy of Engineering Southwark	2E+06							
Highshore School	2E+06							
Spa School, Bermondsey	2E+06							
Tuke School	2E+06							
<b>Southwark LA</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>

**Note:**

1. The above figures are based on revised pupil level data and reports only on schools with an end of KS5 cohort

2. Figures for Bacon's College have been manually adjusted to reflect the the KS5 discounting process that would have occurred if the school had not become a fresh start school in February 2018

**AS level summary of entries**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Number entered in Southwark</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>124</b>
<b>National Number Entered</b>	<b>8454</b>	<b>4060</b>	<b>13910</b>	<b>32916</b>

\*The above figure for 2018 is based on provisional data contained in the DfE September 2018 (performance) tables checking exercise dataset



## **5. Collective worship**

A guidance document on making Collective Worship interesting and relevant is on the Southwark Schools website along with a list of trained speakers. Some schools use outside agencies, particularly Spinnaker, to provide some of their worship requirements. The SACRE's Determinations procedure is available on request. There have been no applications for a determination this year. There have also been no complaints concerning Collective Worship referred to SACRE during this academic year.

## **6. Other work of Southwark SACRE**

At the Autumn meeting there was a presentation from the Prevent officer for Southwark. The Vice Chair obtained a document which listed the Faith Communities of Southwark. The committee discussed and approved the NASACRE constitution changes. The Chair went to the NASACRE annual general meeting in York and reported to the committee. She was also able to talk to the committee about three schools in Southwark that she had visited. The Vice Chair volunteered to find out more about the Southwark Interfaith group so that we can fill some vacancies on SACRE and see if we can link with them in other ways. The SACRE action plans were discussed at each meeting and updated as appropriate. The updated Collective Worship guidance was produced and put onto the website. Some discussions were held regarding a document on Respecting pupils of Faith in Schools which will be produced next year. Assistance was given to the Buddhist representative regarding a Buddhist Society training day for teachers.

## **7. Management of SACRE**

The Council pay for upto 12 days for an RE Consultant to attend meetings and give advice to schools and run a network once per term. There is a representative from the Council's Education Department at every meeting and a clerk to SACRE and refreshments are also provided. The meetings have been held in the Council offices this year, there is not a budget for any other activities.

Meetings have been quorate this year, and two new teacher members have been attending. We are still looking for a Hindu and a Sikh representative.

Southwark SACRE does not have an opportunity to contribute to other agendas within the Council.

The RE Consultant attends the Southwark Cathedral Education management committee meetings and is a member of the Diocesan Board of Education.

### 8. Membership of Southwark SACRE and attendance (indicated by numbers)

Group		Meetings	Group		Meetings
A	John Bonnici,	2	C	Mr James Lewis,	3
A	Jane Harris	1	C	Betty Joseph	0
A	Mariano Marcigaglia,	2	C	K Bates	2
	Trevor Moore,	3	C	K Engman	2
A	Mohammad Zakhir	2	D	Cllr Sunny Lambe	1
A			D	Cllr E Akoto	1
A			D	Cllr Flemming	0
A			D	Cllr Sandra Rhule Vice Chair	2
B	Linda Copleston, Chair	3	D	J Nicol-Dundas	1
B	Mr Bruce Gill	2		Dany Thomas Council Rep	2
B	Kate Penfold Attride	1		Lee Souter Council Rep	1
B	Rev Ian McLaren	2		Benjamin Washington Clerk	1
	Penny Smith-Orr RE Consultant	3		Margaret Roper Clerk	2