

Three Counties Secondary RE Conference

Tuesday 30 June 2026

University of Worcester

Room JLG010, Jenny Lind Building, Farrier St, Worcester, WR1 3BZ

Refreshments will be provided. Delegates will need to pay for city centre parking, e.g.

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This will be a practical conference to explore theory and practice, with a focus on GCSE. Experienced teachers share their insights into winning commitment, raising achievement, engaging with texts and other practical ideas for making KS4 a rich and rewarding experience.

9.00	Registration and refreshments
9.30-10.30	Going beyond the proof text at GCSE <i>Karen Steele, University of Worcester</i> The 2024 Ofsted RE report calls on schools to move from surface-level engagement with religious texts to a more nuanced approach that considers historical, cultural and personal contexts. This session explores ways of doing just this!
10.45-11.45	Winning commitment for GCSE RS <i>Alice Weavill, Thomas Keble School</i> Successful strategies for recruiting students for GCSE, and for keeping them hooked/interested/engaged through the course.
12.00-1.00	Raising achievement at GCSE <i>Tom Playfair, Bournside School</i> Practical strategies for supporting students to up their game for learning through the course and delivering in the exam – with some specific tips for raising boys' achievement.
	Lunch
2.00-2.30	News and resource updates <i>Stephen Pett, RE Today</i> This is a time of potential change for RE, including for the drafting of new GCSE specs. This session will bring the latest national news and contexts for RE for the next few years, along with updates on new resources.
2.30-3.20	TeachMeet Bring along one or two ideas that really work – strategies, resources, activities and student responses – GCSE-focus would be good, but KS3 and 6 th form also welcome here. We'll get in touch when you book to see if you have something to bring!
3.20-3.30	Evaluations

You will receive an electronic copy of all resources used on the day to take away, with additional material available to download afterwards. A wide range of resources from RE Today Services will be available to purchase or order on the day at discounted prices.

Fee: £100 per delegate; £170 for two delegates from the same school.

Book here: www.retoday.org.uk/school-support/professional-development-courses/Three-Counties-Secondary-re-conference-2026/

Why should I attend this conference?

- An opportunity to meet colleagues and share ideas
- Receive a rich variety of resources for classroom use
- Receive up-to-date, creative and inspiring training on things that matter in RE

But don't just take our word for it!

95% of attendees in 2024¹ rated the conference as excellent! (The other 5% rated it as good...)

- Always thought-provoking – lots of new ideas as ever
- Lovely opportunity to meet and reflect on our practice. Resources from RE Today are great.
- It has been fantastic for a non-specialist – everyone has been amazingly helpful
- Excellent – really insightful. My brain hurts, but in a good way! I'm excited to take this on as I start my teaching career. Thank you to everyone for such a great day.
- Really positive – affirming, encouraging and motivational
- Really inspiring! Lots of new ideas which are easily accessible and will really engage students. The speakers made me think outside of the box, and want to go back to school and evaluate the curriculum.
- A day of reflection, inspiration and networking. So lovely to have face to face training again! RE is experiential and cannot always be delivered over a screen. Final session was exceptional.
- As always, an amazing and inspirational day. So many useful and practical ideas for the classroom.

100% of attendees in 2023 rated the conference excellent!

- An excellent opportunity to consider and develop practice as usual!!
- Great ideas, great refresher, great to network just great! Thank you so much
- The variety of discussion and practical advice was stimulating and thought provoking. It has provided me with much to take back to both department and school. 'Letters and papers from prison' (Bonhoeffer) - the reason I have done this job for nearly 30 years!!
- Excellent resource ideas - great presenters - all very engaging and enthusiastic
- As always a great conference, jam packed with ideas and practical strategies for the classroom.
- Just excellent, so many points made throughout that I hadn't thought of before.
- As always, a great day! I always learn so much at the conference and this year is no different. Especially the practical help with lesson ideas.
- Some really interesting and practical ideas on how to bring diversity and world views into the classroom! Already planning mentally how I am going to add the resources used into our curriculum!

100% of attendees in 2022 rated the conference excellent!

- Thank you so much for giving up your time. Really enjoy/interested in research behind worldviews and how to explore worldviews. Practical examples modelled by Lat - thank you! Loved how we explored ideas and turned methods upside down.
- This is my annual 'plugin'! I love meeting other RE teachers and gaining such amazing knowledge and understanding.
- Superb as usual. Inspirational and directly relevant to RE now. Lovely update on current dialogue and looking ahead.
- Excellent day full of useful ideas and links to learning. Good to be able to plan in some more up to date ideas. Good to share with others, making links.
- Fantastic day to really 'hone in' on key skills. Great content on both pedagogy and faith / worldview. World views was great to get to grips with. I liked the practical suggestions for use in the classroom.
- So good to be able to work collectively and in the real world again. I met some stimulating and supportive colleagues which is vital.
- Really enjoyed the segment on world views and excited to see how this develops. The venue was excellent! Really enjoyed the depth of the content on Sikhi.

¹ We're not hiding the 2025 evaluations – the Three Counties conference made way for syllabus launches...!