

Schools Outside Somerset

Although academies usually follow their own local Agreed RE syllabus, they are free to choose to use the syllabus of another local Authority if they wish.

Individual Schools are welcome to use the Somerset syllabus AMV 2019 and its accompanying web-based resources free of charge.

The Somerset syllabus comes with unique advantages that can help raise the standard of RE teaching in your school.

Ten reasons why your school may wish to consider adopting the Somerset Religious Education Syllabus, Awareness Mystery and Value 2019.

1. It is an **assessment document**. Modelled on the 2014 National Curriculum document, each assessment objective is brief, clearly specified, non-subjective and completely without levels.
2. It is an "Essential Core" **summary of the most important beliefs** of each faith. Written alongside members of each faith, this addresses the concerns of Ofsted.
3. It is **focused**, emphasizing one key belief/ "Big idea" of each faith and Humanism.
4. It provides a **clear path of progression** that develops understanding of each belief from Foundation to KS3.
5. It is **content light and simple to use**, allowing teachers to "slow down, do less and go deeper."
6. It provides a wealth of **imaginative exemplar lessons** that model best practice in a brief and consistent "page at a glance" format. At KS1 and 2 every lesson is exemplified.
7. It is **web based**. The dedicated Somerset Religious Education website is easy to navigate and provides a wealth of additional guidance and resources.
8. It is **compatible with Understanding Christianity** for schools that wish to use this resource to deliver the Local Authority Religious Education syllabus.
9. It comes with the option of purchasing **training for your teachers** from its designer, Religious Education Advisor Andy Midwinter.
- 10 **It is cost effective**. The Somerset Religious Education Syllabus is free for individual schools to use.

Find out more. Contact

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